

**TOWN OF ORONO  
TREE BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022 AT 5:00PM**

**IN-PERSON  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
59 MAIN STREET, ORONO, ME 04473**

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call & Introductions**

**Present:** Co-Chair Dave Thompson, Pat Thompson, Jason Clarke, Terri Triandafillou, Jennifer Dann, Jayme Titus, and Environmental Services Coordinator Megan Hess.

**Absent:** Co-Chair Tim White, Kenny Fergusson, Cindy Blease, Public Works Director and Tree Warden Rob Yerxa.

- **Welcome New Associate Member** - The Board welcomed Jayme Titus to the Tree Board as an Associate Member.

**2. Agenda Review** - None

**3. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2022 Board Meeting** -

Motion by Jennifer Dann and seconded by Jason Clarke to accept the minutes. All voted in favor, 6-0.

**4. Tree Warden Update & Tree Evaluations:**

- **Tree Evaluation List** (notes on Tree evaluation page) - Motion to approve by Jenn Dann and seconded by David Thompson. All voted in favor, 6-0.
- **Tree Maintenance Update** - All of the trees that we voted for in August are completed.
- **UMaine Nursery Status/Nursery Area 26** - The University does not have a nursery. They have a couple of learning gardens and botanical gardens, but not a space to grow trees to plant. They just buy trees when they want to plant them. Fraternity by Fay Highland used to have a nursery. Does the Tree Board want to have a long term nursery to take care of or just buy when needed? A nursery is a long term plan and a big commitment. If we want a diverse forest, then we may have to have a nursery. The Board agreed to use the inventory they have and plant in bare spots. The Board will revisit this topic at the next meeting.

**5. Grants Update**

- **Invasive Plant Control Practice Plan** - Hunter Manley has walked the Colburn Lot and has discovered Buckthorn heavily on two-thirds of the eastern side of the lot. He also found seedlings on the western most side all the way up to I-95. He will send his report to the Board and the Board can make a plan for the spring.

- **Urban Tree Inventory** - David Ludwig has completed inventorying all roads within Orono and has counted over 1,700 trees. Megan Hess showed a pie chart of the tree species that were found. Mr. Ludwig will be at the November meeting to report his findings.

**6. Wildlife Garden Work Day** - Jenn Dann will send an email.

**7. Monthly Tree Board Activity Update**

- **Chairperson Update** - None. David Thompson is glad the Town is doing something about invasive species because it is a large problem.

**8. Adjournment - Next Meeting Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy W. Ward  
Executive Assistant