

## Town of Bath Tree Board Minutes

January 15, 2025

Members Present: The Tree Board convened at 5:00PM. Members present were Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, and Andy Swaim.

Review of the Minutes: The minutes of the December 18, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Persons Before the Tree Board: Attending the meeting were Craig Deane, volunteer, and Susan Webster, Town of Bath Recorder.

Water Plant Trees: Ms. Webster appeared on behalf of the Water Department, reporting that the Water Department and she personally want to keep the trees in front of the plant. Tree Board member MacLeod, also a member of the Water Committee, advised that an opinion will be obtained from an engineering firm as to whether the trees pose a risk to the plant. If not, then the Tree Board is not involved in the issue. If they do, removal and replacement expenses will be submitted as part of the Demonstration City Grant 2026.

2025 DCG: Work remaining as part of the grant includes planting four Linden basswoods on Fairfax Street. Work will be done as weather permits. Michael Merchant has not yet trimmed the large maples lining the center road into the cemetery off US Route 522.

Tree City Application: The application was submitted by Board member Lehman prior to the December 31 deadline. We decided it was not feasible to apply for a growth award this year.

Memorial Tree Policy: The Board was contacted by Berkeley Springs Pride about planting two trees in memory of Gale and Gareth Foulds. The Board will look at the policy used for past plantings as memorials for deceased Foxglove Club members. Liberty Street is a possible planting site.

Approved by Common Consent  
2-19-25  
Andrew Swaim

**Hotel/Motel Application:** The application deadline is 2/28/2025. Board member Strait has agreed to write and submit the application.

**Watershed Plan:** The Town of Bath Watershed Plan has been approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** During the past month, the Tree Board account had no debits and one credit. The credit was \$17.26 in interest. The current balance is \$5436.64.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of the Tree Board will be on February 19, 2025, at 5:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Minutes submitted by Tree Board member Andy Swaim.