

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009 MEETING
12 NOON

Present: Chase, Hall, Ellison and Reagan.

Absent: LaWarre.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale and Dan DesJarden.

Hall moved, Reagan supported to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Hall moved, Reagan supported to excuse the absence of LaWarre. Motion carried.

Item #1. 2010 PLANTINGS AND MAINTENANCE.

- The Board reviewed Jim Hall's proposed distribution schedule for 2010:

S. Hudson	(6) Trees R.O.W. Frontage or On-Site / Senior Neighbors and/or Chris Bieri property frontage
N. Hudson	Lowell Area Historical Museum (2) Trees bordering reconstructed alley (AT&T)
Chatham St.	(2) Trees at Post Office (2) Trees at AT&T Bldg.
Smith Street	Along west side of Smith (3)
S. Broadway	Corner Parking Lot R.O.W. (5) Trees – 1 Fronting Main – 4 Fronting on Broadway
W. Main	(30) Kent County R.O.W. Trees (Kent Co. Road Commission requires location plans) Individual trees that will achieve a mature height of 60' to 90'. Or, tree and shrub groupings having a maximum height of 25'. Corner of Main and S. Pleasant at Grand Collision (1) Corner of Main and S. Pleasant at Mynt Restaurant and adjoining lot (5) Corner of Main at Bowes at Lowell Medical and First Bank (6)

NOTE: Whenever possible, a tree or trees can, or should be, planted on private property and placed substantially back from the road right of way, even to the extent of being on the rear lot line of a Main Street business property.

Downtown W. Main North side: Grand GMC at RR Tracks and Cherry Creek Bridge (1)
North side: Railroad property at Smith Street (3)
South side: Between RR and Fry Daddy's (1)

Oakwood Cemetery (20) Trees – Placement to be directed by Sextant.

Remove Cedars along Washington St. and replace with combination of Deciduous and Evergreen selections.
(Board Approved / Sept. 2009)

Bowes Road Groupings of Forsythia planted directly beneath the power lines. Also flowering tree varieties with a “mature height” not exceeding 15’ to 18’.

All Areas / Streets Trees (Multiple Varieties)

Replacements for removal of **residential trees** or new residential requests.

East Main “Significant Sized” Christmas tree at South side of Bridge – Estimate of \$3500.00

Estimated tree cost 120 + Trees @ \$250.00 each = \$35,000.00 and counts.

During discussion, DesJarden said he would confirm with property owners it is O.K. to have trees planted. The Kent County Road Commission will be contacted.

- Discussion of cemetery tree removal and planting. The Board reviewed how the cemetery project will be completed (by stages). Also, the total cost for the cemetery needs to be calculated.

Item #2. FINANCIAL CONCERNS.

- A proposed budget for 2010 amounting to \$35,000 was reviewed.
- A report to the community should be provided between now and Spring covering the following:

How many dollars have been appropriated from Arbor Board since start

Source of the dollars

How many trees have been planted (through 2009) 163

Survival rates (losses)

Major Planting Areas (Streets and Parks)

Tree City designation for how many years

Tree Ordinance Developed and Published.

Item #3. OTHER BUSINESS.

- DesJarden will check and pick up the 2009 Arbor Day plaque from Digital Image
- DesJarden and Reagan noted the biggest tree in 2009 is a 240" silver maple near the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- There is an Arbor Day mini grant - \$200 match
- Twin Lakes has planted 20 of the 51 trees in total

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010 at 12 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Dana Chase, Chair

David M. Pasquale, Secretary