

BEDFORD ARBOR RESOURCES COMMITTEE

REMOTE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 13, 2023 7:30PM

ZOOM WEBINAR – See link below

1. Call to order, required notices, attendance
2. Discussion of Tree Hearing proceedings from 26 May 2022. Opportunity for the petitioner, Mr. Ashim Joshi of 50-52 Summer Street, to engage in community question and comment.
3. **DPW Communication & project updates:** status note below, pls provide developments & changes
 - Tree Master Plan, FY 2024 \$150k. DPW will seek grant money from Municipal Vulnerability Program
 - Cemetery Expansion Project-two BARC issues: removal of trees for expansion and planning for older trees ahead of failure or removal
 - Complete Sidewalks: Per Ms. Rebecchi, repairs slated for sidewalk improvements (e.g., accessibility ramps) and repairs. Davis Road sidewalks are being discussed, but are further out than FY2023 (are all the other sidewalk projects mentioned in Nov. 2022 off the table???)
 - Culvert Replacement over Summer Street-Transportation project not yet planned
 - Great Road Master Plan: many competing interests. Traffic safety, signaling, bike lanes, sidewalks, and vegetation.
 - Tree Mitigation Fund: \$20,000 slated for five Town projects. North Road (#6) tentatively slated for \$6,500.
 - Tree Master Plan Funding: still roughly on target for March Town Meeting 2023
4. Town Tree Policy:
 - Continue work to finalize the Tree Policy-process bridging from Building Dept. to Tree Warden
 - Subcommittee for promotion: Molly Haskell, Deb Edinger, and Elizabeth Knox.
5. Arbor Day – April 28, 2023-update on activities
 - Town Proclamation recognizing Arbor Day-Ms. Edwards
 - Poster Contest for 5th graders-Ms. Haskell
 - Library display-Ms. Tornheim
 - Public Tree planting combined with lecture & demonstration-Ms. Knox.
 - Invasives identification walk-Ms. Edinger
 - Tree identification walk in Town-Ms. Knox

- Photo contest: “Bedford’s Trees.”-may be moved to promotions website
- 6. Notes
- 7. Minutes-January 26th
- 8. Next Meeting – March 23 2023 – virtual or in person
- 9. Adjourn

“Of all trees, I am the holy fig tree.”

— Lord Vishnu, Bhagavad Gita

ZOOM Link

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