

TFW Agenda February 21, 2018 at Sasaki Associates

Today's TFW agenda items

- 1. Welcome our guests.
- 2. Review January minutes.
- 3. Review February 2018 financial statement.
- 4. Councilor Kenneth Woodland: discuss how to meet challenges for Watertown's urban forest.
- 5. Report on 2018 Teens for Trees Program development, discuss fundraising.
- 6. Report on Edgecliff-Woodleigh-Westland neighborhood project. Help with canvassing?
- 7. New Business
 - -- Arbor Day planning
 - -- new TFT grant possibility?

Items from this past month (or so)

- 1. Michele Waldman had a great one-on-one meeting with her Town Councilor, Kenneth Woodland. Ken accepted Michele's invitation to attend tonight's TFW meeting.
- 2. David Jay, Bob Lauricella, Libby Shaw and Michele Waldman met with DDCP Director Steve Magoon to discuss goals for the Town Tree Warden position. The TW job posting has been off the town website for a week or so but will be re-advertised shortly.
- 3. Michelle Cokonougher assembled useful information on city and town Tree Ordinances. Let Libby know if you'd like this info.
- 4. John Ellis of Arlington shared Arlington Tree Committee research on yearly tree plantings and removals in Arlington and several neighboring towns including Watertown. Helpful info in spreadsheet format. Related to this, David Meshoulam, John Ellis and Green Cambridge are working on bringing together a consortium of tree groups to discuss common issues.
- 5. Gina Foglia fowarded to TFW the Somerville Green Standard, a proposed zoning code supplement Somerville citizens put together with the aim of including explicit environmental goals in Somerville's zoning ordinance. An excellent, concise document that touches on many concerns expressed in Watertown. Somerville will be formally discussing this proposal on March 13.
- 6. Libby Shaw and Michael Moran met with several of Michael's neighbors in the Edgecliff neighborhood to discuss DPW's planned major renovation of neighborhood streets this summer. Goal is to recruit neighbors to help DPW use this opportunity to protect current healthy tree canopy and to add future tree canopy to these neighborhood streets. The group designed a leaflet for canvassing neighbors.
- 7. Libby sent TFW 2006 Strategic Planning docs to TFW board members to review in preparation for discussion at our March TFW meeting.