



**TFW Agenda
November 28, 2018
at Sasaki Associates**

1. Welcome!
2. Events this past month
 - a. **Early November volunteer work on tree inventory**
Genie, Michael and Libby in East Watertown, Genie, Marissa Del Carmen, Nathan Follett and Libby in West Watertown, MicheleW and Libby in East Watertown. <1000 trees left.
 - b. **Oct 28: TFW Fall Foliage Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery with Jim Gorman**
Was beautiful! Maybe a half dozen people, and we adopted one more.
 - c. **Nov. 5: Forestry budget guideline approved by Budget&Fiscal Oversight Committee.**
Ahead: Dec 11 TC votes on the budget guidelines, then individual TC members rate all 14 guidelines, then TC approves and gives to Town Manager. Current language:

"II. M. Enhance the capabilities of the Department of Public Works Forestry Department by adding resources and/or redeploying additional resources for improving Watertown's public shade trees and increasing the Town's overall tree canopy by: (1) Developing a robust data collection process for public shade trees in Watertown, and (2) Analyzing the data to determine an action plan and to seek collaboration and partnership opportunities with community groups such as Trees for Watertown"
 - d. **Nov 21: Meeting with Tree Warden Chris Hayward, WE3 President Meredith Fields**
Discussed merging inventories, possible activities for T4T participants next summer, possible joint grant application
 - e. **School Building Committee Meeting at Hosmer, Meetings on Mount Auburn Street Project** -- TFW members were there to speak for the trees.
3. Discussion
 - a. **Promoting the above guideline with Councilors and fellow citizens:** how to answer Ruth Thomasian's question: why do we need a tree survey?
 - b. **Plans for 2019 TFW Teens for Trees**
Proposed activities
Adelaide Sproul scholarship
Fundraising possibilities (MPAC grant, WSB Customer Choice Award, other?)
4. Coming up this month
 - a. Fall Leaf Raking next weekend?
 - b. Tomorrow: Cambridge Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force Meeting
 - c. Dec. 5: Tree Hearing (see notice) Dec. 6: Town Xmas Party
 - d. Dec. 11: Town Council Meeting to discuss Budget Guidelines
 - e. Date for December TFW meeting?
5. New/Other Business -- **organize tree committee conference with other towns?**

Kind message from Caroline Bays yesterday regarding tonight's TFW meeting:

I really wish I could be there. The committee should definitely be proud of what you have accomplished. You have done so much to raise our awareness of how important trees are to our environment and our town. We are a better community because of all of you!

Important question from Ruth Thomasian:

Thanks, Libby, and all, for hanging in there for the long run. Great to see Trees for Watertown mentioned in the TM's recommendation. However, what's with the "robust data collection process" business. Haven't we done data collection over and over and over again?

Let's just plant healthy, robust trees where there are no trees. Doesn't take a lot to figure that out.

For what it's worth,

Ruth

Tree in vacant lot Tree at 541 Pleasant St, opposite Russo's

Neighbor Jeanne Trubeck (on WE3C) would like to save this beautiful maple. Anyone know what's happening with this property? 1.317 acres, bought 2016 for \$10 from Farley White Aetna Mills LLC which bought it in 2014 for \$430K from Boston Scientific. Valued now at \$1.456M. Zoning PSCD. Owner: Whetstone Riverworks Holdings, One Market Plaza, Spear Tower, Ste 4125, San Francisco CA 94104

