

**Trees for Watertown Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2018**  
**Sasaki Associates, 64 Pleasant Street**

Board members present: Dennis J. Duff, David Jay, Genie Johnson, Bob Lauricella, Libby Shaw, Michele Waldman. Absent: David Meshoulam  
TFW members present: Michelle Cokonougher, Patrick Fairbairn, Elliot Friedman, Michael Moran

Patrick clarified an uncertainty in the March minutes: CPA funds can be used only for dedicated open space, not for public shade trees along roadways.

The March minutes were accepted with Patrick's clarification (MicheleW moved, Dennis seconded, six in favor. Dennis voted Present since he wasn't at the March meeting).

The March financial statement was accepted unanimously (Bob moved, Michele seconded)  
The April financial statement was accepted unanimously (Michele moved, Genie seconded)

**Arbor Day planning for a school celebration**

Based on conversations DavidJ has been having with schools, Chris Hayward and Judy Fallows, this event with tree planting and seedling handout will likely take place at the Hosmer School with fourth graders. Better than older kids so that the students will have a year or more with their tree, hopefully see it grow and prosper. Tree species was discussed; rabbit damage was a problem this winter for the Cunniff School apple tree. Chris Hayward always had Leo's Landscaping plant the tree beforehand, David and Judy want the kids to have a chance to complete the planting.

David selected Kousa dogwood seedlings to hand out, the selection from Mass Arborists is very limited and it should be a small species for Watertown's small yards. Libby will help DavidJ bag seedlings the morning of the school event.

**Arbor Day planning for Commander's Mansion celebration**

Michelle: *Needs help setting up tables and giving stuff out.* Planning started late, but a number of groups have signed up for tables - including TFW, Patrick's Whitney Hill Woods project, Mount Auburn Cemetery. Dorothy Brown can do storytime and kids' activity. Peter, owner of Anthony's Florist, will raffle off a flower arrangement and will do flowers with kids too; Dorothy will coordinate with him. Scott at AA rental providing 8 tables and 20 chairs for \$40.10. Steve Magoon is covering this plus a variety of small items from the Arbor Day organization out of the Tree Warden budget. Butler & Sons is donating 3 certificates for \$100 off \$1000 tree jobs for a raffle. The raffles will be free. Watertown Savings Bank donated small canvas bags to hand out. Stop & Shop on Pleasant Street donating snacks and water. Bright Horizons will bring kids over. Miller's Ale House donating lunch for volunteers. Way too late to arrange music.

Motion was passed unanimously to provide funds to cover xeroxing 175 pages (Dennis moved, Michele seconded). Staples: \$0.8-0.9 /page, use half-page flyers. Lots of little kids at the Library in the morning.

**Edgecliff neighborhood canvassing of neighbors for public shade trees after street renovation**

Some neighbors very enthusiastic about getting trees, some not at all enthusiastic but interesting conversations anyway. Several absentee landlords live in Watertown and could be contacted.

**Arsenal Yards park-facing landscaping and architecture were discussed** on suggestion of Elliot.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Lauricella