

MINUTES
TREE BOARD
Special Called MEETING

Town of Weaverville
State of North Carolina

Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 2024

The Tree Board for the Town of Weaverville held a Special Called meeting on July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, Weaverville, N.C.

Present: Chairman Russ Kantner, Vice Chair Peter Stanz, regular members Pauline Griffith, Greg Sanfilippo, Caroline Lord, Inger Stallmann-Jorgensen and alternate members Caleb Hudson and Gary Harmon.

Absent: excused Jeff Colavecchia

Staff: Jennifer Jackson, Town Attorney and Tamara Mercer, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kantner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introductions: Revised Roster

Tree Board members proceeded to introduce themselves due to two new appointed members.

3. Code of Ordinance

Ms. Mercer reviewed the previous meeting agenda items including: USDA and North Carolina Forest Service Tree Protection Ordinance, GIS mapping of Town jurisdiction and Town owned properties were provided.

By general consensus the Board requested a list of town streets including the rights-of-way with information on street trees and town-maintained property.

Attorney Jackson added that staff will provide the Powell Bill map and excel spreadsheet with the street information data.

Review of Chapter 2 Tree Ordinance. Attorney Jackson noted that staff will send out Chapter 32, including the list of 'recommended native species and acceptable vegetation'. Public education on invasive species to be included.

Ms. Mercer will send out the Tree Boards 101 webinar to the members.

By general consensus the Board members requested information from Public Works Department on tree pruning and landscape maintenance.

The members addressed Duties and Limitation in Code of Ordinance section 2-176, particularly focusing on:

- 5) To designate heritage trees, which are understood to be individual trees with unique value based on age, rarity, size, and/or aesthetic, botanical, ecological, or historical value, and are considered irreplaceable;
- 6) To organize educational programs and workshops, sponsor information booths, and develop/distribute informational materials on topics related to planting, maintenance, health, and protection of trees within the urban and community forests of Weaverville;
- 7) To foster communication among citizens of the town that would provide community education programs, and increased awareness of urban forestry, protection of trees, and to coordinate active measures to support tree health and growth within the town;

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10) To approve voluntary planting plans on Town property or in Town street rights-of-way by private citizens or groups.

4. Tree City USA

Ask for guidelines that Public Works Department has for tree care. Tree protection / tree care research.

5. Set date and time for meetings –

By general consensus of the members, meetings were set for the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business and without objection, Mr. Kantner adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.