

**Tree Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday November 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Town of Weaverville**  
**State of North Carolina**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

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

Present: Chairman Russ Kantner, regular members Greg Sanfilippo, Jeff Colavecchia, Pauline Griffith and Inger Stallmann-Jorgensen and alternate member, Caleb Hudson.

Absent: excused Caroline Lord and Gary Harmon

Staff: Tamara Mercer, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Kantner

*Without objection, Chairman Kantner moved to approve the agenda but moved item Helene response to the beginning of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

3. Approval of Minutes- August 7, 2024

*Without objection Inger Stallmann-Jorgensen moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 7, 2024. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

4. Helene disaster Departmental Response and Action Plan provided by Chief Scottie Harris

Chairman Kantner requested members to share their Hurricane Helene storm experiences. Pauline lost a Hickory tree. Inger lost a valued tree on her property as well. Greg said he lost most of the trees on his property as the majority are gone. He added he has a lumber yard now.

There was discussion regarding the provided Town of Weaverville recovery and response plan, noted were the Public Works Department methodology and work efforts to address the downed trees. Ms. Mercer provided information about the process of debris removal. The Town Manager's report provided highlights such as:

- As of October 25<sup>th</sup>, approximately 3,570 cubic yards of debris collected
- As of October 11<sup>th</sup>, customers were receiving water
- As of October 16<sup>th</sup>, Water Advisory lifted for Weaverville Water customers
- Emergency Services treating severe cases of poison Oak, Ivy, Sumac as citizens work on felled trees
- FEMA contractor brush debris collection information
- Grapple truck crews' debris collection information
- Tree loss estimates to be calculated and are on-going
- Burning, chipping, hauling of debris removal process
- Army Corps of Engineers procedures
- FEMA 100-year floodplain maps

5. CODE: Ch. 32 & Ch. 2 Sec. 2-176 Duties and Limitations  
Review Mission, Priorities, Duties & Timing Discussion

Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 4. Chart Priorities and Goals-where completed per the Tree Board members' instructions.

Ms. Mercer reviewed the code for Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 4. Tree Board stated goals and priorities list.

Chairman Kantner noted that due to the latest Hurricane Helene storm damage to the tree canopy that concentration would shift to:

Goal: seek advise from qualified landscape architects, arborists, foresters, horticulturists, or other knowledgeable individuals to work on updating the town's species list.

Designate heritage trees, which are understood to be individual trees with unique value based on age, rarity, size, and aesthetic, botanical, ecological or historical significance.

Investigate available grants, loans, or form other governmental agencies, public or private corporations, or individuals, and to recommend the expenditure

There was general consensus to continue with the education programs as referenced in the action plan.

*Chairman Kantner moved to adopt the stated goals, responsibilities, and priorities charted in the action plan for Code Chapter 2, article IV, Division 4. Tree Board. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. Other Business

Species list for trees and vegetation discussion. Mr. Gary Harmon has updated the excel spreadsheet for the town's species list. It was decided to work with the Board and perhaps master gardeners for updating the species list for consideration and adoption as noted in the charted goals.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, and without objection Mr. Kantner adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:



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Town Clerk, Tamara Mercer