

Hancock Common Commission Meeting Minutes - March 17, 2022

In attendance: Allison Kerwin, Tyler Howe, Ginger Smith, Mary Seebart

Start time: 6:00PM

End time: 6:55PM

Ginger Smith, Hancock's newly elected Selectmen, was welcomed. She will be attending Common Commission meetings as a representative of the Select Board.

Minutes from Oct. 28th, 2022 meeting read. Correction noted for spelling of Swifty Corwin's name.

Tree chart was reviewed that was provided by Eversource, which identifies trees that are recommended for this geographical area and that interfere less with power lines.

The Commission has 2 trees scheduled to be planted this year.

A Norway Maple tree was taken down at 22 Main St., as recommended by the NH County Extension Forester because it was on the list of invasive trees. The stump will be ground and one replacement tree will be planted. The property owners have a choice of: Japanese Maple, Serviceberry, Kousa Dogwood, Cornelian-cherry Dogwood, or Crabapple.

The family of Brian Higgins has requested permission to place a bench on a town common area, in memory of Brian. The donators will pay for the bench. Location and placement will be coordinated with the Common's Commission.

Bandstand/gazebo painting that was done by an anonymous volunteer group last summer has not held up. This committee will review last years plan for repainting, and again address the Gazebo needs.

The town fountain will need to be repainted. The new liner has helped with the functioning of the fountain.

A new flag has been ordered for the flagpole, to replace the current one later in the spring. New ropes for the flag pole are purchased and new lighting is being ordered. This will replace the current lighting coming from the church steeple.

Idea presented for the purchase of a dog poop collection receptacle that would be placed on the Commons. This is to encourage dog owners and walkers to be responsible in keeping our common areas clean.

It was noted that over the winter the deer have eaten the Yew bushes in front of the town offices. Some of these may need to be removed. We will wait to see if they can be pruned and will get new growth.

Issue brought up regarding the use of the Commons by various groups. Organizations or individuals wanting to use this area for an event are to submit a 'Facilities Use Request Form' to the Commons Commission for approval prior to the event. This is free to all Hancock Residents. It was agreed a reminder of this process will be put in the next Hancock Happenings.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2022, 6:00PM, at the Hancock DPW.

Submitted: Mary Seebart