

Hancock Common Commission Meeting Minutes - Aug.18, 2022

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

Start time: 4:00PM

Minutes from the June Meeting were approved.

The new light pole for the flag on The Common is here. It is galvanized steel, painted black. Tyler will order the light fixture and arrange for the trenching needed for the conductor to be buried. Once this is completed the light on the new pole should nicely illuminate the flag. Costs are coming from the 2022 budget.

Watering bags have been placed around the trees that were planted last year. Two or three trees are struggling with the dry weather. At least one may need to be replaced next year. There is a maple tree next to the Police Office which has a large limb extending over the building, that needs to be removed. Two trees will be planted in the fall, one as a replacement at 22 Main Street. The other will be planted in the bandstand area.

The new owners of the Hancock Inn have asked to remove the tree that was planted by the Common Commission last year, as a replacement for the large evergreen at the Inn that needed to be cut down. The Common Commission agreed the owners of the Inn could remove the newly planted tree but at their expense and they would then purchase a replacement tree for the town.

A tree walk along Main Street and the Common will be scheduled in Sept. Allison will contact individuals to take part in the walk and firm up a date and time.

There is poison ivy growing around the town offices. In the fall the DPW will be clearing up that area, including the poison ivy.

Discussion about the gazebo focused around short term verses long term solutions. The short term solution would be to repaint the existing shingles, which are a soft wood and were not sealed/treated prior to being painted initially. Paint will quickly start peeling again. The long term solution would be to remove the existing shingles and replace them with red cedar shakes, which would be dipped to seal both sides of the wood prior to then using a solid stain. The initial expense is higher but it would avoid the necessity for repeated painting of the current structure. Dave will talk with SC Painting, who did the Meeting House, to get a quote for painting the Gazebo.

Work was started on budget planning for 2023. Expenditures for 2022 were reviewed and projected needs identified for the coming year. Dave offered to again work on the 2023 budget for Common Commission.

Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 15th, 2022, 4:00PM, at the Hancock DPW.

Adjourned: 5:10PM

Submitted: Mary Seebart