



Town Tree Committee – Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026, 2:30 PM

Town Seal Conference Room, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover MA 01810

- **Attendees:** M. Lindstrom, E. Poland, C. Jaquez, M. Chave, W. Cheeley, J. Sutton, P. Sanborn, C. Bach, M. Eusden
- **Call to order:** 2:30 PM by Chair Willow Cheeley
- **Minute approval**
 - Minutes were unanimously approved of the 1/14/26 meeting
- **Public Comment**
 - None
- **Status reports**
 - York Street Proposal
 - Carlos J. discussed posting the agreed upon Phase 1 trees for removal
 - Paul and Carlos said trees would be removed in March
 - Opportunity to use door hangers
 - 250th Celebration of historic Andover Trees
 - Webpage was up for Deep Roots, New Branches
 - Joanne had enlisted help of two high school students
 - 250 tree giveaway was active but not promoted yet
 - Mike to give the 250th Committee information about the program and why it needed to begin before formal 250th related events
 - Phase 2 begins in May to include historic and favorite trees
 - Group discussed designing a plaque or sign for historic trees
 - Jim Sutton met with the library staff regarding a display highlighting tree history and care
 - DCR Forestry Grant
 - Town had accepted proposal and signed contract with Davey's Resource Group to develop materials as part of DCR Grant
 - Mike was to email Moriah Day from Davey to set up a kickoff meeting with town staff and limited number of Tree Committee members



- Mindy C. provided an update on potential speaker series speakers including Dr. Nicole Forsyth, Norfolk Aggie Saturday April 11th at 10am and also Brad Buscher, Groundwork Lawrence for a to be determined date and time
 - Mike would coordinate with Andover TV
 - Committee discussed producing 3 five minute videos that included the Town's commitment to trees (urban tree canopy, climate change)
 - Other videos could include caring for saplings (planting), ball and burlap planting, ecological design
 - Taping would preferably take place in April and May in order to comply with grant deadlines
- Route 133 Corridor
 - Claudia B. attended the latest Working Group meeting and reviewed a power point with design details of the project
 - Many concerns were raised relative to site lines, soil depth, and proximity to the sidewalk relative to many of the proposed plantings
 - Committee discussed asking Paul Materazzo attend the next Tree Committee meeting
- **Discussion**
 - Carlos discussed an upcoming meeting with residents on Tewksbury Street about new sidewalk project and would report back to Committee about opportunities
- **Adjourn Meeting**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm