

**Minutes
Town of Bath Tree Board
January 17, 2024**

Members Present: The Tree Board convened at 4:00PM. Members present were Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Andy Swaim, and by phone, Lance Strait.

Review of the Minutes: The minutes of the November 15, 2023, meeting and the December 20, 2023, special meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Persons Before the Tree Board: Attending the meeting and taking part in the discussions were Craig Deane, Hunter Clark and Justin Spielman.

Warren Street Tree Trimming: Board members Lehman and Swaim will prepare and send a registered letter to the property owners recommending that the tree blocking signage be trimmed and offering the Board's assistance in doing so.

2024 DCG: Board member Lehman and Craig Deane will remove small dead trees on Washington Street.

Tree City Application: Board member Lehman reported that our application has been received by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Fairfax Green Spruce: A discussion was held regarding what efforts to implement to save the town Christmas tree. It was decided to hire Bartlett Tree Experts to provide treatment. The Board will reach out to Foxglove Garden Club to provide financial assistance in treating the tree. Craig Deane made the recommendation to also plant a white spruce in the green to serve as a replacement in the future.

Truist Tree: Board member Lehman will forward to Denise Bergen an estimate for the removal of the Bradford pear tree in front of Truist Bank; Bergen will seek permission from management to have the tree removed. The estimate was for \$600.00.

Treasurer's Report: During the past month the Tree Board had 4 credits and 3 debits. Three of the credits were interest payments totally \$26.47 and the fourth was \$850.00 in Hotel/Motel payment. The three debits were \$99.50 to The Morgan Messenger for printing costs; \$700.00 to Bartlett Tree Experts for soil preparation on East Congress Street; and \$2380 to Bartlett for micronutrient treatments for "failure to thrive" trees lining the central road through the new section of Greenway Cemetery. The balance of the Tree Board account is \$1346.31.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Tree Board will be on February 21, 2024, at 4:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Minutes submitted by Tree Board member Andy Swaim.