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City of Lebanon

Tree Advisory Board

Minutes, Monday, February 2, 2026, 5:30 pm

Meeting Room 1, City Hall or remote via virtual platform lebanonnh.gov /live

MEMBERS PRESENT (6/6): Kathleen Corrigan, Charlie DePuy, Andrew Garthwaite,
Kelsey Haigh, Susan Johnson (by zoom), Sarah Riley

STAFF PRESENT (1/1) Alanna Cilbrith

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at about 5:30pm.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from 1/5/26 were approved without revision
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Agenda items A, B, and C –West Lebanon Main Street Trees

The Board met with Jim LaMontagne and Rod Finley (both present via Zoom) to continue our discussion of the choice and placement of trees for the West Lebanon Main Street project (see TAB 12/1/25 minutes for our previous discussion).

Jim and Rod shared revised plans they received from the project Architect in which he attempted to address some of our concerns. However, his suggestions did not include enough native trees. Jim presented some revisions that included more natives.

We went over the plans and recommendations in great detail, discussing changes and additions that would better satisfy our preference for natives, meet the significant challenges of the site, provide sufficient shade, and give some fall and spring color. We settled on a list of possibilities that Jim will explore further and come up with a final plan.

In addition to those already agreed on, these include: *Ostrya virginiana* (Hop Hornbeam), *Cercis Canadensis* (Redbud), *Nyssa Sylvatica* (Black Gum), *Gleditsia triacanthos* (Honey Locust), Hawthorne, *Carpinus caroliniana* (American Hornbeam).

We also discussed whether IRA Grant money could be used to pay for the Kilton trees since they weren't part of the original project because the elms were still alive when the plan was done.

(For more detail on our discussion, consult the meeting recording available on the City website.)

D. Staff hire for Grant Spring Planting

Nothing new to report on hiring help to identify sites and other aspects of the Spring planting. City staff is still working on this. Andrew is still trying to set up a meeting with the City Manager.

E. Input to Planning Board Andrew needs feedback on the two Planning Board submissions in the next day or two

Sarah asked whether Andrew had heard from the Planning Board requesting input on possible changes to the Landscape section of the Site Plan Regulations. Andrew said he had not been contacted.

F. ADJOURNMENT: at about 6:30 pm

G. NEXT MEETING: April 6, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Corrigan