

**TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

**MAY 18, 2021, 8:00 AM
TOWN HALL**

DRAFT

PRESENT: L. Smith, Chairman; P. Fitzgerald, J. Fermery, R. Robinson, D. Janik, L. Ruest

Not Present: A. Brubaker, Vice Chairman; W. Barker

Ongoing – Elm Tree Project:

The Committee acknowledged that there are 15 elm trees to be planted and reviewed up to 17 locations for planting. It was determined that, following this meeting, members would visit the sites for final determination. Suggested locations included:

Town Hall: Along Route 88 and possibly along Drinkwater Road (may plant elm trees and remove others as elm trees mature).

Public Safety Building: Remove large pine tree along concrete stairway and replace with elm and plant one or two additional elms at rear area along Police Department parking lot.

Gov. Weare Park: Replace the elm tree that died and add one additional along Gov. Weare Park frontage and also add elm trees along the property line with Dumont/13 Exeter Road. It was noted that a survey may be needed to identify the line as the iron pin at the back corner is missing.

Route 88: Potential locations included along the front of Brookside Cemetery (across from Gov. Weare Park) and on Route 88 at or about the area of number 192 Exeter Road.

Town Common: Replace the dead maple in the line of trees along Route 1 (possibly place two here). It was suggested to have an arborist review the condition of the trees on the Town Common.

Library: Although there is no location at the Library specifically, it was suggested to plant one elm tree on each side of the Creighton (formerly 5 Drinkwater Road) tree as the Creighton tree health is failing.

L. Smith stated that once all is identified that he will make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen at its June 2 meeting and seek authorization as needed. Then, a work party can be scheduled. D. Robinson and P. Fitzgerald will contact Dig Safe. Soil and water will be donated by D. Robinson for use in planting. It was noted that funds are available to assist with this work from the Elm Tree Fund held by the Town Treasurer.

Future Projects: L. Smith requested that members think of potential future projects and let him know for use in preparing agendas.

Public Comment: No public was present.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (4/8/2021)

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting as written.

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MOTION: L. SMITH
SECOND: J. FERMERY
UNANIMOUS

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting to view potential planting sites at 8:40 a.m.

MOTION: L. SMITH
SECOND: D. ROBINSON
UNANIMOUS

L. Ruest excused herself from the on-site meeting places.