



**Town of Edenton
TREE COMMITTEE
March 18, 2023
3:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers**

The Edenton Tree Committee met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Chairman John Morehead, Ellen Colodney, William Ahearn, Flint Harding, and Councilman Patrick Sellers. Also present is Assistant Town Manager Dewayne Whealton.

Mr. Morehead called the meeting to order. The February minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Mr. Morehead asks for any changes or additions to the agenda.

Mr. Morehead calls for old business; Tree Walk brochure presented by Mr. Ahearn.

Mr. Ahearn discusses the proposed signs, dimensions, and their potential locations. Mr. Ahearn states that he installed a prototype of the signs on his property. He also asks about the bald cypress trees at the end of West Church Street and how vines are growing on them.

Discussion is made about rights-of-way. Mr. Morehead asks if someone would like to measure to determine if the trees are located in the town right-of-way.

Mr. Morehead asks if there is anything else about the tree walk brochure.

Mr. Ahearn states that he will have a draft brochure completed by next meeting and the Ms. Colodney will be working on the tree description.

Mr. Morehead asks if Mr. Whealton needs to know anything about the signs.

Mr. Whealton states that he would like to know about cost and owner consent if placed on private property and anything Mr. Towe would have concerns about.

Mr. Ahearn stated that the intent was to have Mr. Towe create the concrete base for about thirty-three signs plus the dogwoods at St. Paul's Church.

Mr. Whealton states that could be a multi-month process if we move forward.

Mr. Ahearn states that he would have to talk to Mr. Towe about pricing for signs and labor.

Mr. Morehead asks for anything additional. Hearing none, the committee moves on to the next item on the agenda, Arbor Day 2024.

Mr. Whealton states that this is the last meeting to determine Arbor Day 2024. He reads an email from Ms. Inglis with suggestions.

Discussion is made about locations for Arbor Day.

Public comment from Hal Murray states the importance of replacing trees that are removed.

Mr. Morehead states that his perception is that the town is planting more trees than the town is losing.

The committee asks for an update number of tree plantings in 2023.

Further discussion is made about tree planting for Arbor Day.

Mr. Morehead asks if a subcommittee should be formed to look at possible planting sites for private property in the North Edenton area of Broad Street between Virginia Road and Paradise Road.

The tree committee agrees by consensus.

Mr. Whealton suggest having the Arbor Day tree planting on the southside right-of-way of the 800 block of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.

Mr. Harding asks for what tree species should be planted.

Ms. Colodney states that this would be a good area for a tulip popular.

Mr. Whealton states that he will schedule the Arbor Day Event to ensure the proclamation, tree arrival, and media campaign are successful.

Ms. Colodney discusses proper pruning techniques.

The committee suggest replacing the tree near Colonial Park with an overcup oak.

Mr. Morehead ask for anything else to be considered. Hearing none, meeting adjourned.