

**Minutes  
Hampden Tree Board  
Subcommittee of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee  
July 02, 2008 @ 6:00pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Tree Board was called to order at 6:40pm on Wednesday, July 02, 2008, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Jim Feverston.

Bob Osborne, Town Planner  
Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist  
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director  
Jim Feverston  
Lance Case  
Chris Packard  
Phil Stack  
Councilor Tom Brann

**1. Introductions of new people.**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

**2. Business**

**A. Minutes Acceptance**

No minutes available to be accepted.

**B. Tree City USA**

Jim presented some materials from the Tree City USA program, items he had received as part of the acceptance package. He expressed some interest in getting the Tree City USA baseball cap embroidered with Hampden and a date.

**C. Pool Plantings**

Kurt gave a brief update about the status of the pool plantings/gazebo moving project. He expressed interest in having the Tree Board help select the trees to be planted at the pool. The locations were already sited on a plan, but could be negotiated. Kurt has some grant money to buy a few trees.

**D. Dorothea Dix Park**

The board has been asked by its creator, the Community Services Committee, to participate in the Dorothea Dix Park planning project. Jim and Gretchen explained some background about

the park, the involvement of Prentiss & Carlisle, and the creation of the Friends of group. Gretchen will send a copy of the P&C Forest Mgmt Plan to the board; it includes a section on D. Dix Park. The board discussed how a harvest operation might look in the park, and what the goals were of the operation:

- Goal: clean up the park, recreate original or better trail system, fix water erosion issues

- Save bigger, healthier trees

- Save 100% of wildlife trees if possible

- No more than 60% forested, favoring deciduous trees

- Keep the pond

- Provide access for emergency services

- Keep in mind a mixed use environment

#### **E. Sharing of Materials**

Those present shared the materials they had brought.

Note: These minutes are somewhat incomplete because Gretchen had to leave early due to a prior commitment.

The next meeting is **July 16th** at 6:30pm.

#### **4. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned around 8:30pm. ?

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann  
GIS/IT Specialist