

**Minutes  
Hampden Tree Board & Friends of Dorothea Dix  
Subcommittee of the Hampden Town Council Community Services Committee  
December 08, 2008 @ 6:30pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Tree Board was called to order at 6:30pm on Monday, December 08, 2008, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Jim Feverston.

Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist  
Bob Osborne, Planner  
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director  
Lance Case  
Jim Feverston  
Kay Carter  
Jim Folsom  
Mary Folsom  
Trisha Bruen  
Tom Nelson, Prentiss & Carlisle

**1. Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**2. Business**

**A. Tree Board Update**

Lance recapped what the Tree Board has done so far with regards to Google Docs and the Tree Care Plan. Lance also stated there had been work done developing an acceptable tree/shrub list based on characteristics of each species (native, ph tolerance, salt tolerance, etc).

**B. FoDDix Update**

Kay recapped the FoDDix Group's work to date, for the benefit of the new members present. She went over how the group was formed, its purpose, the new charter, the vision for the park, and more. Many materials to date will be put on the website by Gretchen.

**C. Park Plans Discussion**

Tom Nelson stated that he needed a list of updated objectives in order to start writing the plan. What he heard at the last meeting he attended and what he heard tonight are two different things. He will write up a list of things he needs answers to, and the group will work off of that. He needs answers by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Some items include:

Still doing extra trails?

How many of Judy's recommendations did/does the group approve of? Leon's?  
Still want a pavilion?  
Still need legal answer on Hopkins Rd access  
Plans for invasives? What invasives?  
How large of an educational component?  
Who will maintain in future?

Tom projects a July-Sept harvest time, which allots for some cleanup that can be done during winter if need be. Winter has not been frozen enough the last few years to rely on doing a lot of harvesting during winter. Harvest times need to be adjusted to account for climate conditions. The group hopes to have a solidified vision in order to possibly have public discussion meetings about the plan in late February 2009.

**3. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned around 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann  
GIS/IT Specialist