

Town of North Beach Tree Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 7, 2022

- Charlie Poole has resigned from the committee, which must have at least 3 or 4 members (not counting Lisa) for a quorum.
- Arbor Day trees provided by state forester Ryan were given away at the memorial tree planting for Jane Hagen. Vince and Sean participated.
- Tree City information/requirements needed from Stacy: Can committee members sign into TC page?
- Lisa will be doing a short article and photos to improve the TC's portion of the town website
- Arborist Corner: Lisa looking into having Vince's champion Cherry Bark Oak arborist (Bartlett Tree Service) do a presentation on how to do tree care/pruning. This would both help residents by improving accessibility to good info, as well as improving the visibility of the Tree Committee.
- Lisa added that the town had a tree canopy survey in 2019, with results that the town had a 29% tree canopy, and 11% Crepe Myrtles. She recommended a survey be done every 5 years or so, even more critical with the recent damage of so many trees due to storms.
- Lisa explained that most of the large trees in NB were planted when the town was built, so they're over 100 years old. The trees have become too large for their locations, and the more closely they are built/paved around, the more their health can/will decline. This makes a strong argument for focusing on replacing these oaks with trees more suitable for the town today.
 - DNR will be having a program in October providing small trees and shrubs from the Tree-Mendous Maryland program. Trees must be ordered in October and delivered in April in time to give out to residents for Arbor Day:
 - https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/treemendous/default.aspx
 - MD DNR is also hiring 13 foresters for a program called 5 Million Trees. Each region in the state has to goal of planting a half million trees, resulting in 5 million trees planted on public lands: https://dnr.maryland.gov/Documents/5MillionTreesPlease.pdf
- A sign on the tree in Wetland Overlook Park was destroyed in the most recent storm. Lisa had two made originally, so it just needs to be installed.