

TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TREE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 28, 2019

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held on the above date at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 2056 Middle Street. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Commission members Milton Langley, Thresa Luke, Nat Rob and Adele Tobin.

Members of the public present: Trey Sedalik

Staff members present: Joe Henderson, Director of Planning/Zoning Administrator and Jessica Gress, License and Permit Technician.

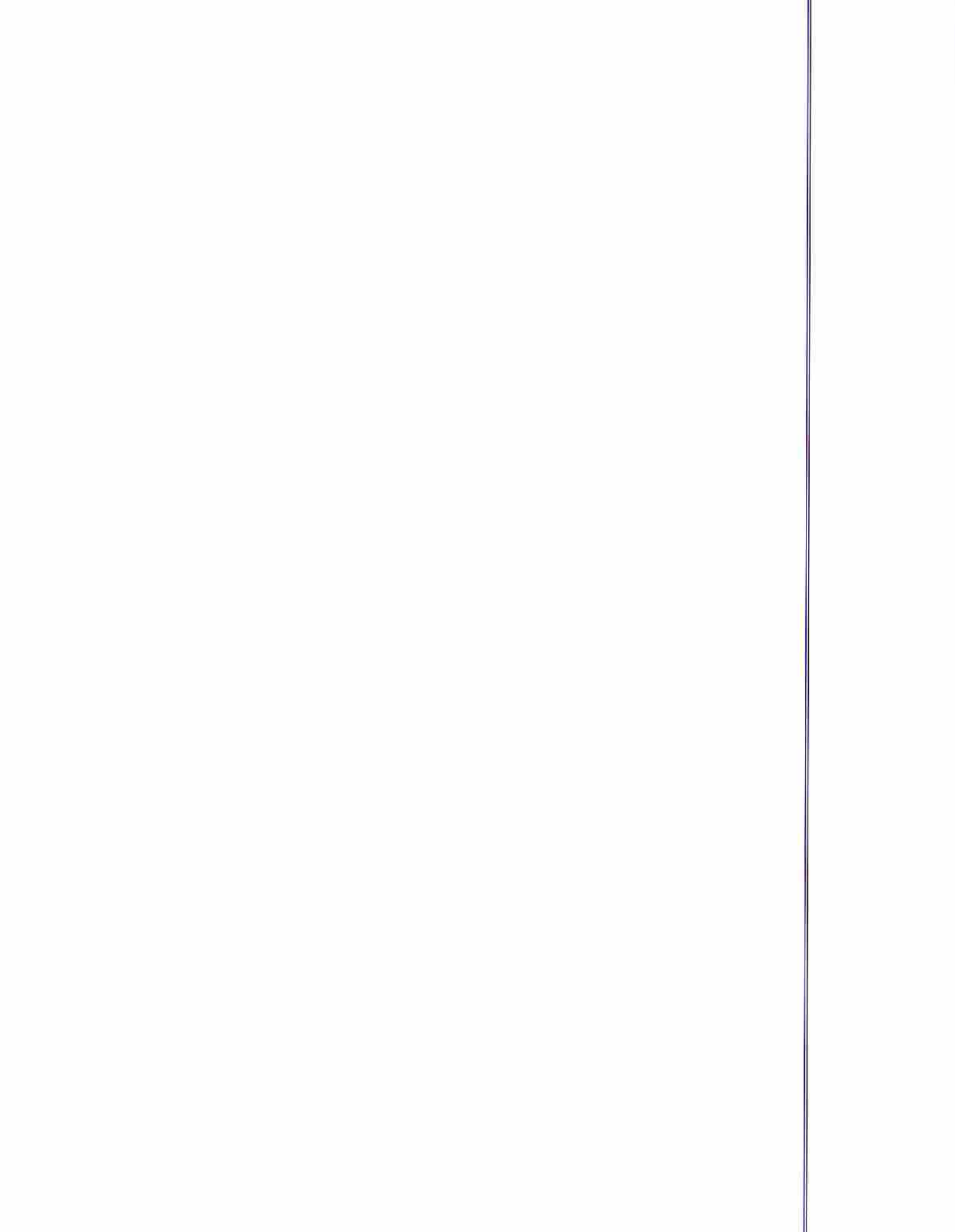
- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Robb called the meeting to order and stated that the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law and a quorum of Board Members were present. There were no known members of media present.

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Robb made a motion to amend the agenda by placing the approval of the March 25, 2019 Meeting minutes as the last item for discussion.

- III. **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL:**

Poe Avenue Sewer Line Replacement: Town Staff and Water and Sewer Committee of Council requested review and approval of proposed tree and shrub replanting.

Mr. Henderson stated Town Staff, and Water and Sewer Committee of Council, requested review and approval of proposed tree and shrub replanting between Middle Street and Hennessey Street. The replanting will be taking place on a Town owned property and along a newly installed sewer line easement between two private properties: 1423 Middle Street and 1424 Poe Avenue. Mr. Henderson stated that both property owners have been working with the Water and Sewer Committee of Town Council to ensure their needs have been met while keeping all planting clear of the 20' easement. Mr. Henderson stated that the estimated project cost is anywhere between \$6,000 to \$8,000 thousand dollars which, will be funded through the Sullivan's Island Tree Fund.



Ms. Sedalik, property owner at 1424 Poe Avenue, stated that since the removal of the trees were to accommodate a new sewer line, there is very limited privacy between he and his neighbors. Mr. Sedalik believes the proposed plan is a good start to get some trees planted to recreate the privacy needed. Mr. Sedalik asked the Commission Members to consider using a more substantial tree versus a small shrub that would be as beneficial. Mr. Sedalik also asked the Commission members to allow for a replanting time allowance. Mr. Henderson stated Mr. Sedalik is in the process of building a new home and would like to wait until the new construction is complete to replant the trees onsite to avoid any damage the construction of his new home may cause to the trees. Mr. Robb asked Commission members if they would be ok with increasing the budget to \$10,000 and have Town Staff work with the property owners. Mr. Henderson responded by stating this would give more flexibility as to what can be planted.

Mr. Robb made a motion to grant the approval for the tree replanting with the budget amount set at \$10,000.00 and to implement the plans proposed in working with the neighboring property owners. Mr. Langley seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

Dominion Energy Tree Pruning: Notice of tree pruning scheduled for the coming months.

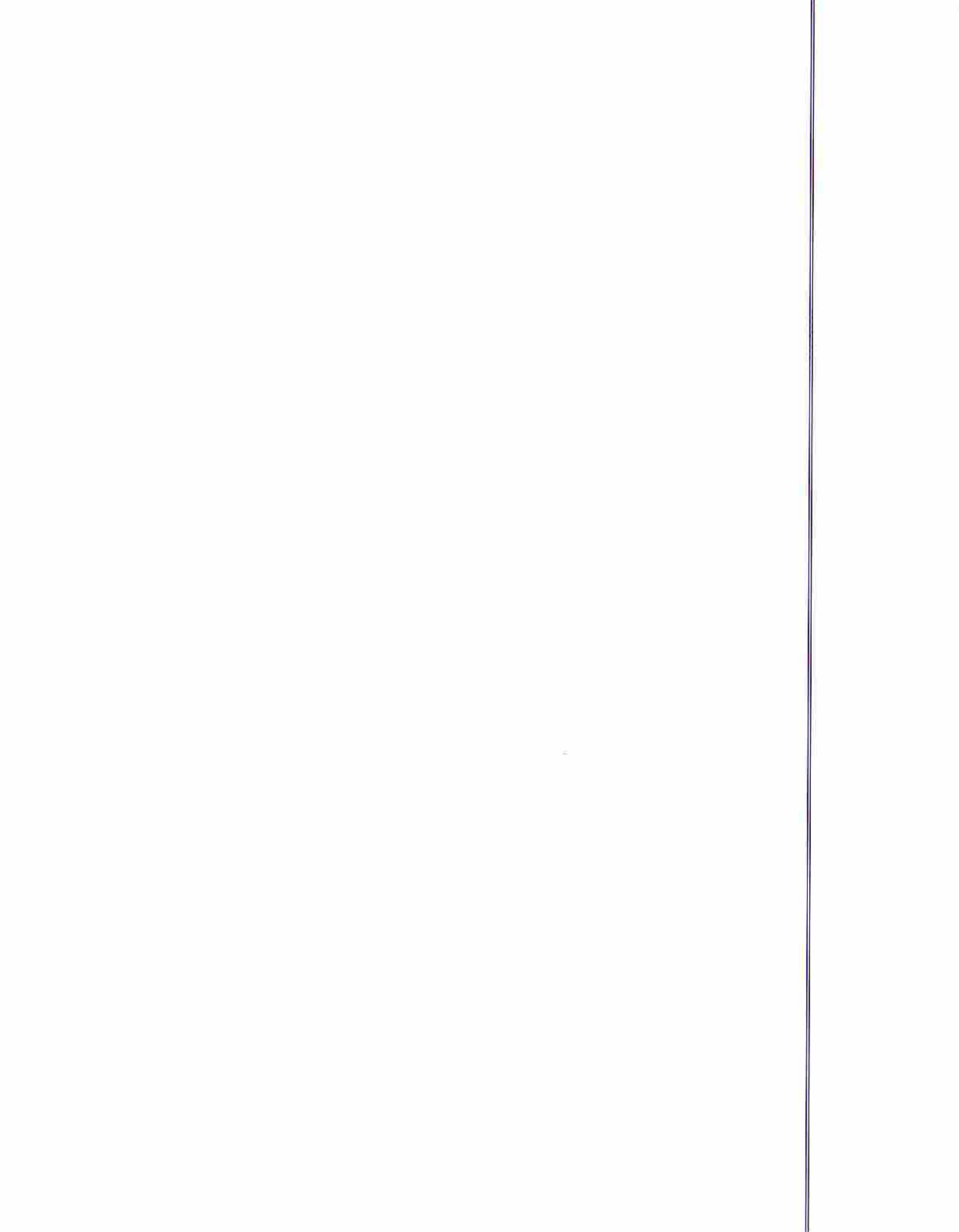
Mr. Henderson stated that during the Town Council meeting on May 21, 2019, Certified Arborists from Dominion Energy made a presentation outlining the standards for cutting limbs around power lines. 10' of clearance is required to the sides and below transition lines. Mr. Henderson stated that in the Summer of 2019, the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company will begin right-of-way trimming of trees in the proximity of the overhead transmission and distribution power lines on Sullivan's Island. The contractor will be required to follow Dominion Energy's trimming specifications outlined by ANSI-A300 standards and ISA guidelines. The contractor shall assign a "top trimmer/foreman" with each crew and the Dominion Energy arborist shall be available for consultation. The contractor shall remove debris daily. A representative from Dominion Energy shall be available to address any matters of concern from residents. The project dates will be communicated when available from Dominion Energy.

Arbor Day 2019: Review of Arbor Day event held on April 25, 2019.

Mr. Henderson stated that during the Arbor Day event which was held at the Farmers Market on April 25, 2019, 200 trees were given away. Mr. Henderson believes the Arbor Day event was a success.

Mr. Robb submitted the March Meeting notes to the Commission Members (Exhibit 1).

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Robb stated that he has some changes to make to the March 25, 2019 Meeting minutes which are shown in exhibit one. Mr. Robb asked Town Staff to send the Commission members the document submitted



digitally so the Commission members can make their own changes as necessary.
The March 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes were not approved during this Meeting.

- VI. **ADJOURN:** Ms. Tobin made a motion to adjourn at 5:41 pm. Mr. Langley seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.



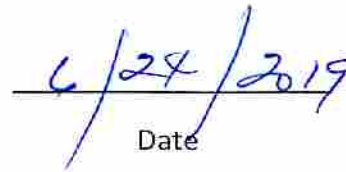
Nat Robb, Chairman



Date



Milton Langley, Vice-Chairman



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