

## **Agenda for Monday's Meeting Feb. 9**

**I have included info from our January minutes as relevant below.**

**1.) Urban Forestry Talk (Providence Trees 2020 etc.) - Benefits of our urban forest for Town**

**Feb. 23**

**Speakers and Library are booked for 23rd, need Town officials**

**Advertising:**

**Breeze, week before**

**Town Council**

**Mayor's Office and staff he wants to invite**

**Sec. of State**

**Library**

**2.) Tree City 2009 Application - Fay announced - he needs info on how much was spent on trees last year and how much is expected to be spent next year.**

**3.) Narragansett Bay Commission - Barry announced - Mesollela is now representing Central Falls. Mayor Lombardi has not yet**

**appointed anyone to represent North Providence on it.**

**Rod will call Dick Fossa to see what the situation is about appointing someone. It is a three-year appointment.**

**Rod volunteered to contact**

#### **4.) Master Plan for Town Land**

**Mr. Fossa asked for recommendations of people to be on a commission to study the Town Land**

**Various parcels of land are not being maintained or listed as part of duties of Town Personnel.**

**No plan also to train Town staff to prune, etc. properly?**

**DPW director Glen**

**-training**

**-followup**

**-supervision**

**Barry: there are also policy issues other than proper care of trees etc. What to plant, how it should be taken care of.**

**Fay's job description is oddly limited. He suggested that the Town**

**train another full-time person better and incorporate the Tree Warden tasks in it, along with other tree-related tasks.**

**Rod: budget crisis in Town - difficult to make payroll**

**Lou - we can help add items to Tree Warden tasks lists (for job description?)**

**Chief of Staff Fossa got a list of all properties that are way behind in taxes, land identified as Town land. What are conditions of land? Could it be traded for something else?**

**Decisions on what to do with land could be committee.**

**Rod offered to help Roland with Committee.**

**Motion:**

**It is our view that a Master Plan Task Force for Town Land to inventory and make recommendations will be a good thing. - Barry, seconded Roland. Passed unanimously.**

**5.) Eminent Domain: Rep. Corvese has introduced this again for 2009.**

**We need to help inform people**

## **6.) ECRI Legislative Agenda - Barry & Yvonne**

**Barry would like to add a sentence to their existing pro-Open Space in support of Camp Meehan**

**Also, Rod will call Rep. Corvese about how we can help with Eminent Domain bill.**

**Yvonne will have researched the Eminent Domain vote from last year**

## **7.) Snow Removal**

**Barry had sent a letter to the Editor of the Breeze -**

**State is not responsible for the sidewalks.**

**Breeze needs to take pictures**

**Rod, Lou, Dave, Roland will all help get pictures.**

**Motion: Rod, seconded Roland.**

**We approved to have Barry's letter about Snow Removal be sent in our names. Passed unanimously**

**8.) Stop & Shop Town Council Meeting is Feb. 10th - issues re.**

**pedestrian safety, Mineral Spring traffic, neighborhood integrity, storm runoff, landscaping, etc.**