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PRESENT: L. Smith, Chairman; A. Brubaker, Vice Chairman; P. Fitzgerald, J. Fermery, W. Barker, R. Robinson, D. Janik, L. Ruest

ONGOING – ELM TREE PROJECT

Committee members greeted each other after a long non-meeting period due to COVID 19.

Discussion took place with regard to the pick up and distribution of the 100 +/- trees ordered. A date of April 22 was set (pending availability at the Elm Institute) to make arrangements to travel to Keene to pick up the trees. The trees are planned to be distributed on Saturday, April 24, from the Town Hall parking lot. It was suggested, due to the large number of trees purchased by each, to give advance notice to Avesta and Heronfield Academy to make arrangements for delivery. Committee members will volunteer to be available either for pick up or for distribution.

An email will be sent from the Town Hall as initial notice and reminder that trees are soon to be available for pick up from the Town Hall. A notice may also be posted to the subscribers of the web site and a second notice will be sent as a reminder, closer to the date of pick-up.

J. Fermery, A. Brubaker and D. Janik will survey the Town and place stakes in potential locations to plant trees obtained on behalf of the Town with up to 13 locations needing to be identified.

Available funds may be used to purchase tree bags in order to keep the new plantings properly watered. Some property owners may be asked to keep the trees planted along frontages watered to ensure a successful planting.

Potential locations include: Gov. Weare Park, Town Hall along Route 88, Public Safety Building, Library,

OTHER BUSINESS

L. Ruest reported that the front porch decking at the Historical Society Museum is being renovated and it has been found that the two columns are in need of attention as there are areas of rotting at the bases. The Board of Selectmen has authorized funding for both the supporting frame and the new composite decking, however, has just learned of this newest concern. Members agreed to view the status of the columns after the meeting. The contractor is to send a recommendation based on his findings to the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee discussed continuing the efforts of the Town Improvement Committee or discontinuing, in part, due to the labor intensity of some projects. The result was 50/50 and the compromise was that the Committee would be willing to take on projects that do not include extensive manual labor.

Ongoing potential projects include the parking lot and walkway at the parcel between the Library and Public Safety Building, concrete aprons at the Public Safety Building,

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PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (11 19,2019)

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting as written.

MOTION: L. SMITH

SECOND: A. BRUBAKER

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

MOTION: P. FITZGERALD

SECOND: D. JANIK

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