

**Abingdon Tree Commission  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
January 17, 2022  
7:30 PM**

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Approval of October 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 3) Petitions and Public Hearings
- 4) Reports to the Commission
  - a) Welcome New Tree Commission Member
  - b) Appoint New Tree Commission Chairperson
  - c) Tree Give-Away Program Update
  - d) Tree City USA Status
  - e) Sports Complex Update
  - f) Veterans Memorial Park Update
  - g) Future Arborist Speaking Engagements
  - h) 2022 Meeting Dates
- 5) Items Not on the Agenda

**Abingdon Tree Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2021**

**Commission Members Present:** Chris Sullivan, Amanda Pillion, Stuart Hale, Greg Meade

**Commission Members Absent:** Mohammed Hasham

**Town of Abingdon Staff Present:** Kevin Sigmon

**Public Present:** none

**1) Roll Call**

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with roll call. As noted above, 4 of the 5 members were present and a quorum was achieved for the meeting.

**2) Acceptance of the August 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes of the 8/16/21 minutes as presented: Ms. Pillion. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Hale.  
Motion passed.

**3) Petitions and Public Hearings**

None presented.

**4) Reports to the Commission**

1. **Sycamore on Main Street:** Each Commission member was given the opportunity to express their opinion regarding this situation. A Parliamentary vote was held: In favor of keeping the tree: Sullivan, Hale, Meade. In favor of having the tree removed: Pillion. On the basis of a 3-1 vote, the Sycamore tree in front of Goodman's Jewelers shall remain.
  
2. **Sports Complex Update:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the latest plans for the Sports Complex, most notably the tree line adjacent to the VA Creeper Trail. He stated the large growing trees to be planted in this area have been removed from the plan. Some will be relocated to other areas of the Complex and some will be totally deleted.
  
3. **Exit 14 Landscape Plan:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the plans to install wildflower beds in the medians on Jonesboro Road between I81 and Main Street. Plans from the landscape contractor are forthcoming and will be provided to the Commission members.

4. **Veterans Park Memorial Trees:** Mr. Sigmon reviewed the 6 memorial trees that are to be installed for the Veteran's Day ceremony. He specified that the Quaking Aspen tree is on order and will hopefully arrive in time.

**5) Items Not on the Agenda**

1. Ms. Pillion asked about an Ash tree located at the cottage below the Yeary Law Firm office building. Mr. Sigmon said he would investigate.
2. Ms. Pillion also asked about a Sugar Maple on Mason Place. Mr. Sigmon said he would investigate.

The next scheduled meeting is set for November 15, 2021 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM..



## PROCLAMATION

### DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 11, 2021 AS ARBOR DAY

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

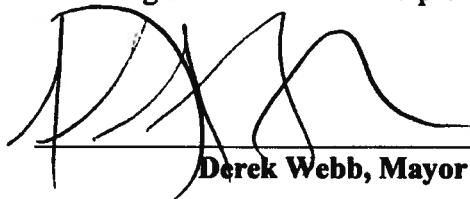
**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Derek Webb, Mayor of the Town of Abingdon, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2021 as **ARBOR DAY** in the Town of Abingdon, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



Derek Webb, Mayor

# [External]2021 TCUSA Application Approval

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Tue 1/4/2022 3:41 PM

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Cc:Lara Johnson <lara.johnson@dof.virginia.gov>;

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Good Afternoon Kevin,

Congratulations! We have approved the town of Abingdon's Tree City USA application for 2021 at the state level. I do not foresee any problems in it being approved by the Arbor Day Foundation (ADF), but if there are, we will be in touch in early February.

Please be sure to send your upcoming 2022 Arbor Day celebration date, time and location to me as soon as you know them so the Virginia Department of Forestry can schedule a forester to attend and issue your award.

Thank you for all of the magnificent work you are doing for your community and the Commonwealth.

Thanks,

**Molly O'Liddy**

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**LEGEND**

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**KEY MAP**



<b>GVA</b> GEORGETOWN VIRGINIA ARCHITECTS 123 MAIN ST. #200 ASHBROOK, VA 22802	<b>BA</b> BROWN AND CALDWELL 123 MAIN ST. #200 ASHBROOK, VA 22802	<b>Fluor</b> 123 MAIN ST. #200 ASHBROOK, VA 22802	<b>TOWN OF ASHBROOK, VIRGINIA</b> 123 MAIN ST. #200 ASHBROOK, VA 22802	<b>TOWN OF ASHBROOK, VIRGINIA</b> 123 MAIN ST. #200 ASHBROOK, VA 22802	<b>TOWN OF ASHBROOK, VIRGINIA</b> 123 MAIN ST. #200 ASHBROOK, VA 22802

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OVERALL SITE LANDSCAPE PLAN

## Veterans Memorial Park Memorial Tree List

Tree Site #	Tree Common Last Name	Tree Common First Name	Tree Botanical Name	Veteran Last Name	Veteran First/MI Name
1	Fringetree	White	Chioanthus virginicus	Bowman	William R.
2	Sweetgum		Liquidambar styraciflua	Howard	William M.
3	Oak	Bur	Quercus macrocarpa	Sigmon	Hugh
4	Coffeetree	Kentucky	Gymnocladus dioicus	Dew	Howard Brian
5	Baldypress		Taxodium distichum	Adrian, Jr.	Rowland W.
6	Smoketree	American	Cotinus obovatus	Elmore	George William
7	Yellowwood		Cladrastis kentuckea	Anderson	James R. "Mutt"
8	Oak	Overcup	Quercus lyrata	Lowe	J.R.
9	Hackberry		Celtis occidentalis	Godfrey	Robert R.
10	Beech	American	Fagus grandifolia	Crigger	Henry G.
11	Sourwood		Oxydendrum arboreum	Stepanov & Grogan	
12	Basswood	American	Tilia americana	Dolinger	Andrew
13	Pecan		Carya illinoensis	Brewer	John
14	Cherry	Okame	Prunus x incamp 'Okame'	Landrum	William
15	Dogwood	White	Cornus x rutcans	Moretz	Scott
16	Maple	Freeman	Acer freemanii	Eglin	William T.
17	Oak	Chinkapin	Quercus muehlenbergii	Bassham	H. Lee
18	Dogwood	White	Cornus florida	Estep	James Earl
19	Blackgum		Nyssa sylvatica	Phipps	Herbert C.
20	Cherry	Yoshino	Prunus x vedoensis	Rowe	Larry S. "Bud"
21	Coffeetree	Kentucky	Gymnocladus dioicus	Seiple	Marvin
22	Birch	VA Round Leaf	Betula uber	Dreyzehner	John E.
23	Maple	Red	Acer rubrum	Pennington	Gregory V.
24	Oak	Northern Red	Quercus rubra	McGlothlin	Donald Ryan
25	Dogwood	White	Cornus x rutcans	Cornelius	John "Jim"
26	Cherry	Higan	Prunus subhirtella "autumnalis"	Beach	Donald Eugene
27	Birch	River	Betula nigra	McConnell	Charles Lee
28	Maple	Sugar	Acer saccharum	Hurt	Sam
29	Maple	Freeman	Acer freemanii	Humphreys	Paul
30	Oak	Sawtooth	Quercus acutissima	Yeary	Ray Carter
31	Elm	Princeton	Ulmus americana 'Princeton'	Yeary	Emmitt F.

32	Oak	Swamp White	Quercus bicolor	Dreyzehner	John Joseph
33	Blackgum		Nyssa sylvatica	Craig	Edwin R.
34	Redbud	Eastern	Cercis canadensis	Newman	Graham
35	Crabapple	Royal Raindrops	Malus 'JFS-KWS'	Eisel	Frank J.
36	Hophornbeam	American	Ostrya virginiana	Holcombe	Nelson E.
37	Maple	Sun Valley Red	Acer rubrum 'Sun Valley'	Browning	Hugh
38	Linden	Silver	Tilia tomentosa	Beaver	James R.
39	Sycamore	American	Platanus occidentalis	Clay	Jack C.
40	Baldcypress		Taxodium distichum	VanFossan	Donald D.
41	Catalpa	Northern	Catalpa speciosa	Marbury	Ralph Eugene
42	Spruce	Norway	Picea abies	Chandler	Marvin
43	Poplar	Tulip (Yellow)	Liriodendron tulipifera	Stephenson, Jr.	Hugh A.
44	Magnolia	Cucumber	Magnolia acuminata	Kiser	Durwood
45	Serviceberry	Autumn Brilliance	Amelanchier x grandiflora	Clark, Jr.	Jesse W.
46	Cherry	Kwanzan	Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'	Snodgrass	Harold Denny
47	Sweetgum	Happidaze	Liquidambar styraciflua 'Happdell'	Saunders	R. Lee
48	Dogwood	Spring Grove White	Cornus florida 'Grofflor'	Hermann	Max. H.
49	Dogwood	June Snow	Cornus controversa	Straten	Joseph C.
50	Cedar	Blue Atlas	Cedrus atlantica	Boothroy	Doyle E.
51	Hawthorn	Winter King	Crataegus viridis	Sullivan	Hoite M.
52	Magnolia	Bracken's Brown Beauty	Magnolia grandiflora	Skeen	Roy L.
53	Dogwood	Cherokee Princess	Cornus florida	Watkins	William Donald
54	Sassafras		Sassafras albidum	Smith, Jr.	S. Strother
55	Holly	American	Ilex opaca	Ovsijenko	Mihails
56	Cedar	Incense	Calocedrus decurrens	Widdup	Richard
57	Hornbeam	American	Carpinus carolinana	Overmountain Victory	Trail Assoc.
58	Crabapple	Dolgo	Malus dolgo	Neal	Butch
59	Redbud	Flame Thrower	Cercis canadensis 'Flame Thrower'	Widener	Michael
60	Horse Chestnut	Red	Aesculus x carnea 'Ft. McNair'	Smith, Jr.	Vernon
61	Elm	Colonial Spirit	Ulmus americana 'JFS-Prince II'	Coleman	Charlie
62	Magnolia	Sweetbay	Magnolia virginiana	Hortenstine	John W.
63	Witch-Hazel	Common	Hamamelis virginiana	Dickert	Robert Bruce
64	Persimmon		Diospyros virginiana	Adkins, Jr.	Jerry "Jake"
65	Hickory	Pignut	Carya glabra	Lowe	Homer Jackson



66	Serviceberry		Amelanchier spp.	Payne Jr.	James A.
67	Hemlock	Eastern	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Kilbourne	Robert "Bob"
68	Larch	Eastern	<i>Larix laricina</i>	Blackburn	Glenn
69	Blackgum	Wildfire	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> 'Wildfire'	Clark	Edward H.A.
70	Oak	Shumard	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Bunn	Omer Mason
71	Linden	Corinthian	<i>Tilia cordata</i> 'Corinthian'	McCrary	Jack
72	Dogwood	Alternate Leaf	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Davis	Darrell
73	Sequoia	Giant	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	Vernon, Jr.	C.M. 'Monty'
74	Magnolia	Bigleaf	<i>Magnolia macrophylla</i>	Crosby	Glen Earl
75	Maple	Striped	<i>Acer pennsylvanicum</i>	Adkins, Sr.	Jerry
76	Oak	Pin	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Hunt	William Hammond
77	Maple	Brandywine	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Brandywine'	McCrary	Jack R.
78	Oak	White	<i>Quercus alba</i>	Overmountain Men	Kings Mountain
79	Oak	Post	<i>Quercus stellata</i>	Miller, Jr.	Arthur J. 'AJ'
80	Crabapple	Golden Raindrops	<i>Malus transitoria</i> 'Schmidcutleaf'	McFarland	Frank
81	Oak	Black	<i>Quercus velutina</i>	Millsap	Ralph J.
82	Yellowwood	Perkins Pink	<i>Cladrastis kentuckea</i> 'Perkins Pink'	Morgan	Richard L.
83	Oak	Cherrybark	<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	Sons of the Am Revolution	
84	Pecan	Ocone	<i>Carya illinoensis</i> 'Ocone'	Trotman	Wilfred D.
85	Sweetgum	Roundleaf	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Rotundiloba'	Johnson, Jr.	Joseph Pickett
86	Magnolia	Little Gem	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Little Gem'	Dickert	William C.
87	Maple	Sugar 'Green Mountain'	<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Green Mountain'	Bradley	Albert C.
88	Aspen	Quaking	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Bradley III	John L.
89	Redbud	Oklahoma	<i>Cercis reniformis</i> 'Oklahoma'	Daughters of the Am Revolution	



## **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

The Tree Commission will hold meetings as follows:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
January 17, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
February 21, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
March 21, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
April 18, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
May 16, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
June 20, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
July 18, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
August 15, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
September 19, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
October 17, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
November 21, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA
December 19, 2022	7:30 pm	Arthur Campbell Room Town Municipal Bldg. 133 West Main Street Abingdon VA

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