



## ESSEX NORTH SHORE

AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Arboriculture

Minutes of advisory board committee of October 18th 2018

Members present: Stephen Noble, Christopher Wood, Logan Gilligand, Jake Maynard, Matt Natti, Dave Morin, Caitlin Daly(Student representative), Anthony Rainone, and Tim Lecuire

Talked about upcoming purchases. Sawmill, and Winch.

Dave tackled house keeping items. Including updating safety paperwork.

Open discussion:

Tim mentioned possible Air spade purchase as a learning tool. It would be a nice, non climbing alternative for students and offer some ultrafine tree care to share with students. Also good for non climbing students.

Dave mentioned chip recycling/composting as a bigger topic that students should be thinking about. Think of using wood chips as mulch. Matt Natti mentioned his company bringing in a tub grinder and then selling his chips as a mulch at \$15/yard. Woodchip recycling is evolving. Sawmilling as a material recycling option to discuss.

Mini skid with grapple as a future possibly purchase. Logan suggested Ditch Witch as a possible brand to inspect.

Tree inventory programs/GIS(Open Tree Map). ITree as a possible program to check out. Tim would like to come in to talk about Tree Inventory to the students.

Spoke to Anthony about a trip to visit Mayer Power Products to see an active saw shop. He was in full support.

Spider lift as a possible purchase option. Matt Natti suggested it as a new and exciting replacement to climbers, as skilled climbers are becoming less and less common

Dave went through the safety protocols.

Tim mentioned hand pruning to further explore with students. Steve Noble mentioned that we do a fair bit of that with students.

Matt Natti proposed possibly working at the Non Profit Manship residence. It would be an opportunity for students to work alongside Cape Ann Tree team to volunteer at rehabbing an overgrown landscape.

Asked about employee needs. Every single member needs employees currently.