**TOWN OF HARVARD**

**Agenda: Elm Commission Meeting 13 April 2017 at 7:30 PM; location at Town Hall, Volunteer Room**

Review Potential Actions for the “Town Corridor”

Potential Actions / Discussion:

1. Introductions with new Tree Warden (JC Ferguson)—background “package” to JC and Matt Shields.
2. Remove stumps from trees removed (Common, corner of Pond Rd and 111 and the Hildreth Elementary School). Bill to tabulate list and sent to DPW. DPW pays for stump removal, debris removal, top soil replacement and planting of grass. Hope to grind in April.
3. Review elm fungicide injection past and present plan (past 3 years and future plan).
4. The 2016 winter crabapple pruning that Mario and I did on the NE corner of the library was confirmed by Tree Specialists to actually be fire blight (fertilize, lime and assess for pruning this winter).
5. Many water bags are taped and leaking (damaged in field) so Bill has ordered more. Use old bags for protection from weed whacking / mower if mulch is not sufficient to protect tree.
6. Pruned almost 30 trees with volunteers this winter. Need to lime old and new trees. Bill will likely order pelletized lime from Home Depot and spread.
7. Will need access to top soil from DPW prior to tree planting or will have to order 2-3 yards. Plan to replace first grade tree plantings (sugar maple, linden and tulip) and replace the Dorothy Andrews elm (pond road and 111 corner). Will work with school to identify and notify class of re-plantings.
8. Need to decide on location and cultivar of first grade tree planting for 2017. Bill has ordered gift trees for a planting on May 4 or 5. Time of day tbd.