Call to Order: Pat Karspeck called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Josh Embrey Town Forester; Allen Owen, Milan Karspeck, Laura Davis, Bob Schneider, Cochair; Pat Karspeck, Chair

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

Staff Report: Josh reported only 11 applicants for the EAB treatment program. 15 inch minimum diameter was the former requirement, but he reduced it to 12 inches due to the low volume of applicants. 41 Town trees will be treated in the parks. Discussion again among the committee on how to get the word out about this terrific program. Pat said she believes talking one on one with neighbors who have eligible ash is the most effective. We will revisit this topic again in 2020 to be more proactive in early spring.

Josh relayed information from a meeting he attended with other Front Range foresters regarding the lifting of the quarantine on wood infected with EAB. It is predicted that APHIS will no longer support or fund the quarantine due to expense and questionable results. Additionally, the Colorado Dept of Ag has spent $200,000 quarantining Boulder, most of that money going to administrative costs of the program. The question remains: is Colorado’s slow spread of EAB due to quarantine or to the fact that EAB takes 2 years to become viable in our dry climate while the midwest and eastern vicinities taking only one year. Josh gained valuable information from guest speaker, Deborah
McCullough, on the prognosis of EAB destruction and ash preservation in the future.

Anthony suggested we look at ash trees that have been injected to see the improved vibrancy over those that haven’t. Laura concurred with her personal experience. Several members were not aware until Anthony told us that injections with emamectin benzoate kills all ash beetles, not only EAB. This was suggested as material to encourage homeowners to sign up for the Town EAB treatment who may be waiting for the EAB to be officially declared in Berthoud.

**TAC Nursery:** Discussion revolved around new plantings for 2019 as it is now time to place an order with Trees Across America *TAA* (for best tree selections). Josh stated that we were out of room and would not be expanding the nursery due to adverse comments from walkers and neighbors. Allen pointed out that we had at least ½ dozen holes left to fill and Pat pointed out that there would be most likely a failure rate of 6 more to replant. Josh pointed out that it was too time consuming to wait for the trees to be delivered at the Windsor yard. Pat said that TAC volunteers could pick up the trees or send a Park tech so the cost to the Town would be less. That led to questioning the price point of TAA and what Fort Collins Wholesale could match. Pat said she would look into this for price comparisons.

**TAC Appointments:** Milan mentioned that both Pat and his appointment to the Committee would be ending in September. This led to concern that if neither were reappointed, tremendous historical memory would be lost. Bob pointed out that this being a technical committee, experience and expertise, would be compromised under the current regulations. Pat commented that if one position could be retained, it should be held by Milan because of his many years of
understanding and practice of the regulations and ordinances of Berthoud Town government.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08.

Topics for discussion for next month: Tree Nursery

Education modalities for the many benefits of EAB injection