

Great Barrington Massachusetts Tree Committee Minutes March 6, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Members Present: Holly Hamer, Michael Peretti, Lisa Bozzuto, Hilda Shapiro, Marcia Stamell

Members Absent: Shep Evans

Citizens present: Jon MacGruer, Michael Andelman

- I. Minutes from the February 7, 2019 meeting were approved

II. Old Business

A. Main St Tree Tag Replacements: Lisa had collected tree tags

prior to winter. Committee is not sure whether tags will be

re-applied.

B. ArborDayPlans

Holly had meeting with Ken from Simon's Rock. They are having a celebration for the 264 year old Red oak. He wants the Tree Committee to cross promote it. We will include it in the Arbor Day Celebration.

Lisa suggested that Main St trees be identified on a list rather than a map. List can be distributed for Arbor Day

celebration. Can also be placed in kiosk by Mason Temple, Mason Library and Town Hall. Lisa will compile list- Mike to confirm it.

Holly passed around an Arbor Day logo she designed
Holly spoke with Vivian Orlowski. One of the display boxes in Mason Library will be on pollinators. The other will be on trees. Tree identification quiz will run for a week

Holly obtained verbal acceptance to close Pleasant St. It will be used for tree planting equipment and chalk art. We may have to pay cost of busing children- estimate is \$250.00

Ed and Holly will meet with Tom Ingersoll to firm up tree planting

Mike brought a forms for where we might order seedlings. Christine Ward informed Holly that Ward's may donate seedlings.

Block party will run from 11am to 6pm. Will include foods, seedlings, information table, Library Pollinator Front Foundation Plan, live music and Bouncy House.

III. New Business

- Mike reports that the Town was awarded a grant from National Grid for \$2500.00.

- Mike reports that Haupt Tree wants to do an Arbor Day promotion. Will likely be tree maintenance at Stanley Park. Given that this is riverfront, Lisa suggested approval from Conservation Commission
 - Tree City Signage: Lisa noticed that Tree City signs have “5 year” stickers . “6 year” stickers still have not been applied. Mike is clear that new stickers were given to Sean VanDeusen. Holly will speak with Sean again
- III. Citizen Speak:

A. Jon MacGruer provided history of tree disturbance from 2012 for Grove St Park. He would like to know what species of trees were planted by Dennis Gibbons. He said that some of the trees needed pruning. Exact boundaries of Park are unclear and run close to a stream . Jon is asking if someone from Haupt could look at the site to determine what kind of maintenance is needed. Mike Peretti offered that he could look at the site with Jon and Sean Van Deusen. Lisa suggested that Conservation Commission be consulted before there is any work done near stream

B. Michael Andelman reported that DPW is removing trees along Blue Hill Rd. He wanted to talk about the stumps that were left behind. He also asked about re-planting. Mike referred him to DPW

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm Next meeting April 3, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Bozzuto