

FINAL MINUTES

Great Barrington Tree Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 12 2023, 5pm Mason Library

Chairperson: Julie Anidjar

Vice-Chairperson: Michael Peretti

Secretary: Gary Frenkel (phone)

Also present:

- Mary Stephen, committee member
- Bobby Houston, committee member
- Brooke Davida, new committee member (via Zoom)
- James Garzon, citizen

Approval of previous meeting's notes (June 14), unanimous approval from all committee members

I. Tree Warden Report

Removals due to trees in poor health

- 391 Main St - Ash
- Meadow & Front (Housatonic) - Elm
- Summer & Castle - Maple

Large Sycamore in Mahaiwe Cemetery - has suffered damage due to late frost and anthracnose, but has recently bounced back, trying to treat roots next spring but need to be careful

II. Tree Planting Strategy – review of locations and species

a. Everett Street/between Russell and Cottage

Red maple x2 - fast growers, drought tolerant

Honeylocust

White oak

b. Bridge Street

Honeylocust

c. Hollenbeck Avenue

#94: Scarlet oaks x2

d. Main Street – at Steam and Siam Square

Skip shads for now, trees are still alive

e. Roundabout

Disease-resistant American elm (droopy cultivar)

F. Meadow & Front

Scarlet oak

G. St James Place near Taconic underpass

Action item: Bobby to ask property owners impacted

F. Hollenbeck Avenue or Taconic Lot
TBD

III. Call for additional locations to Tree Planting Plan
Could we consider citizen/private partnerships for plantings near homes?

IV. Tree List revision - ongoing
Action item: Gary to investigate adding the following trees to the town-approved list: ginkgo, disease-resistant elm, honeylocust, mountain ash

V. Citizen Speak
N/A

VI. New Business – Housatonic Park recommendations for Parks & Rec Commission
2 bare-root tulip trees died, need more shade in the perimeter
Suggest planting more red maples (6 x >3" caliper) of different cultivars such as October Glory, Red Sunset, Shade King, Scarlet maple

VII. Adjournment, 6pm

Next meeting: Wed Aug 9, 5pm, Mason Library & Zoom

Submitted by:
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Secretary, Great Barrington Tree Committee