

## **FINAL MINUTES**

### **Great Barrington Tree Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 13 2023, 5pm Mason Library & Zoom**

Chairperson: Julie Anidjar

Vice-Chairperson: Michael Peretti, not in attendance

Secretary: Gary Frenkel (remote)

Also present:

- Bobby Houston, committee member
- Brooke Davida, committee member
- Mary Stephen, committee member

Approval of previous meeting's notes (Nov 8), unanimous approval from all committee attendees

#### **I. Tree Warden Report**

- 2 trees slated for Triplex parking lot planted on Gilmore and Anderson
- Removing 2 large failing maples near the courthouse on Gilmore
- DPW has plans to move sidewalk going from Anderson to Cottage to the other side of street and remove the existing sidewalk on the west side of Gilmore.

#### **II. Update on fall plantings for 2023 (overview - remaining funds, new locations, press release)**

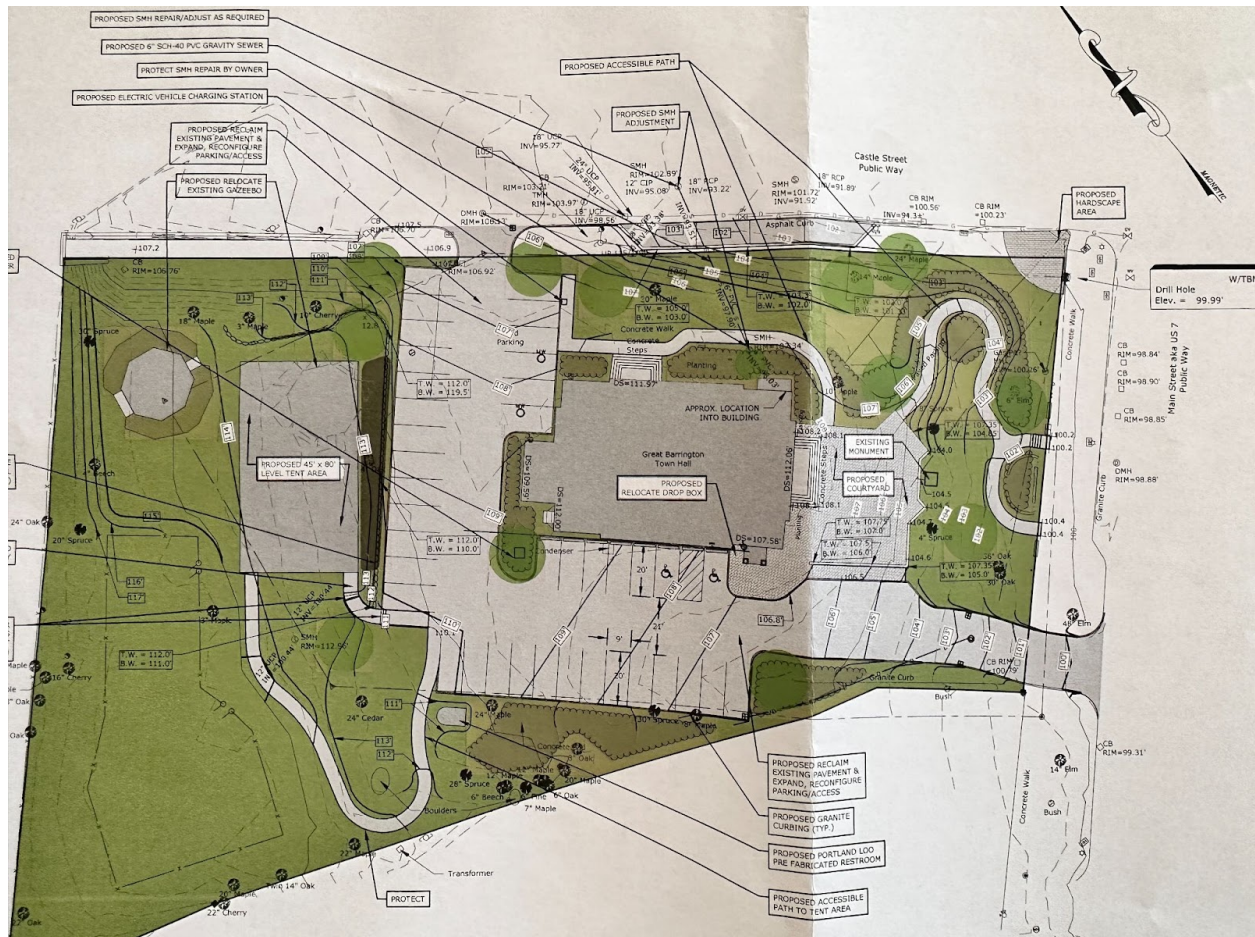
- 2023 planting plan distributed by Joe Aberdale
- Roughly \$10K may remain in budget after DPW calculates final goods and labor costs
- Additional planting locations for consideration:
  - Ballfield sidewalk near co-op (GB) - will need to wait until the project is complete before recommending plantings
  - Gilmore between State Rd and Cottage (GB)

III. Discuss establishing more stringent thresholds around street tree removal at following meetings. Coordinate discussion with Haupt, Tree Warden, and relevant Town officials. Prompted by the removal of large maple at the corner of Lifeworks Studio (Castle Street) which has upset members of the community.

IV. Town Hall proposed courtyard plans requested recommendations for existing evergreen trees.

Tree Committee determined that the evergreens would work well in their current position in relation to the proposed paved courtyard. We also recommend the addition of a tree well within the courtyard that could accommodate a lovely shade tree.

V. Discuss ending Zoom option for Tree Committee meetings going forward. Internet is spotty at Mason Library and Open Meeting Law would require that meetings end if virtual component is interrupted.



V. Tree City USA 2023 application - request that warden submit paperwork.

VI. New Business N/A

VII. Citizen Speak N/A

VII. Adjournment, 5:43

Next meeting: ~~Wed Jan 10~~ Wed Feb 14, 5pm, Mason Library & Zoom

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