

FINAL MINUTES

Great Barrington Tree Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 13 2024, 5pm Mason Library & Zoom

Chairperson: Julie Anidjar

Vice-Chairperson: Michael Peretti

Secretary: Gary Frenkel

Also present:

- Mary Stephen, committee member
- Chris Wiltshire, (new) committee member

I. Approval of Minutes – February 14 2024

Unanimous approval from all committee attendees

II. Tree Warden Report

- Instructed to only do emergency work due to budget constraints

III. Spring Planting Plan

Prioritized candidate list:

Location	Common Name	# of Trees	Notes
Corner of Taconic & St James (GB)	London Planetree	1	Property next to People's Pantry
54 Hollenbeck (GB)	American Linden	2	Also known as basswood Norway Maple removed in 2016
15 Bridge St (GB)	Honeylocust	1	Replace recently removed cherry tree
70 Castle Hill Ave	Red Maple	2	Replacement for 18 Sumner Owner approved, but need to finalize species
Lake Mansfield Rd from Castle Hill to boat dock	1 Red Maple 1 Red Oak	2	
146 West Ave	2 White Oak	2	
Cottage St (by the bridge)	White Oak	2	2 Norway Maple Mike to provide address
Corner of Castle @ Lifeworks	Elm New Harmony or Jefferson variety	1	Sugar maple removed

Main St (GB) East side of street, south of Guido's, across from VFW, north of brookside rd	TBD	6-10	
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Next steps:

- Place stakes at planting sites
- Share list with DPW

IV. Arbor Day event

- Need to get Selectboard to approve town event, Gary to talk to town admin office
- Arbor Day is officially Fri Apr 26, but better for TC to schedule on Sat Apr 27, 10am-2pm
- Agenda to include educational materials, tree giveaways, print out tree recommendation list, library display, artist exhibits?
- Mike to ask Ward's for tree donations
- Julie to talk to library to curate an Arbor Day display
- Julie to ask Dale Abrams (local naturalist) an info table regarding the Lake Mansfield project
- Chris to talk to BNRC about participating, e.g. outreach, plant sale
- Can Brooke do some PR?

V. Tree City USA 2023 application

- Waiting on data from town to complete application

VI. New Business

- N/A

VII. Citizen Speak

- N/A

VIII. Adjournment

5:55pm

Next meeting: Wed Apr 10, 5pm, Mason Library & Zoom

Submitted by:

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