

Great Barrington Massachusetts  
Tree Committee Minutes for October 3.2018

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Members Present: Holly Hamer, Shep Evans, Hilda Shapiro, Michael Peretti, Lisa Bozzuto, Nan Wile

Members Absent: JB Brodeur

Citizens: Ed Abrams, Karen Lewis

Welcome to new members Holly Hamer and Shep Evans

Minutes from the June 13, 2018 meeting were approved

Update on Tree City USA application: Lisa has completed the application for Fiscal Year 2019. The deadline for it to be submitted to DCR is 12/31/2018

Main St Trees: Lisa and Holly have put identification tags in front of many of the Main St trees. More tags will be placed in the next couple of weeks. The Town will arrange to prune these trees. Michael has looked at all of them with a contracted arborist from Haupt Trees. At least 5 of the trees will be replaced by DPW this fall (all serviceberry). It was noted that the hawthorne and pear trees did well

Friends of Mason Library have sponsored several tree related activities: An education display, a free film, "Call of the Forest", tree identification walk with Tim Abbott, a "Leafastic" workshop and the donation of tree identification tags.,

Lisa noted that there are many epicormic shoots on the McDonald's sycamore and that this can indicate that the tree is stressed. Michael will take a look at the tree.

Dead spruce in front of Town Hall will be removed

Discussion of the large sugar maple on Mahaiew St . GB Highway department indicated to Michael Peretti that it is a town tree. Shep will check the survey of the property to confirm if this is accurate. Michael will look into contacting the owner .

Brookside Property is the recipient of a day of free arborist labor, sponsored by the Berkshire Botanical Gardens. Nan Wile has done a lot of work to make this event happen. Karen Lewis from the Housing Authority reported that she has completed the paperwork for this project.

Lisa Bozzuto resigned as chairperson but remains a committee member. Nan nominated Holly to be the new chair. She accepted and was voted in by a vote of 6 -0.

Nan nominated Michael to be the vice chair. He accepted and was voted in by a vote of 6-0.

Nan nominated Lisa to be secretary. She accepted and was voted in by a vote of 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

Next meeting Nov 7, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Bozzuto