

Great Barrington Massachusetts
Tree Committee Minutes for November 7,.2018

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Members Present: Holly Hamer, Shep Evans, Michael Peretti, Lisa Bozzuto,

Members Absent: JB Brodeur, Hilda Shapiro

Resigned: Nan Wile

Minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting were approved

Shep asked about epicormics on the McDonald's sycamore. Mike said that Haupt Tree usually clips them but that this year they did not do so.

I. Old Business:

A. Holly is working on submitting the Tree City application. She plans to contact DCR Mollie with questions

B. Main St Trees: Holly said that she is disappointed with the tags. Many have bent. Some are missing. Lisa will pull them up and update the map to include corrections and replacements. The committee will make a plan for how to re- tag in the spring.

Holly asked about the plaques that had been removed when the pear trees were taken down. Replacing these plaques may inspire others to purchase and name new trees. Shep commented that the Laurel Hill group had installed plaques and benches in Stockbridge. Holly said she would follow up regarding locating former plaques.

Mike suggested protection around the base of the trees. He will discuss this with DPW.

Per Mike: some of the shad and hophornbeam will likely be replaced as follows: 2 crabapples in front of Jane Iredale store , 1 tupolo at the corner of Church St by Lee Bank and 2 Pears each side of Pleasant St.. The Town will pay for these replacements.

Haupt has pruned all the Main St trees.

C. Update on Friends of Mason Library Tree events:

The Tree ID walk was cancelled related to weather.

Art Project was very well attended. Would like to do it again.

Shep proposed running a tree identification project for children. Holly will speak with Tim Abbott about this.

Discussion of the large sugar maple on Mahaiwe St : Shep spoke with Tom Doyle and they looked at the survey. The line runs through the old sugar maple. Mike said if the line runs through the tree it is likely a town tree. He will check on this in Chapter 87.

II. New Business:

A. Ingersoll Tree: Request was made 12/17/16 by Tom Ingersoll to replace the tree in front of Mason Library. Replacement has not happened.

Holly will ask Library Trustees to replace the tree with a sugar maple. The suggestion was made to dedicate it to Hilda Shapiro.

B. National Grid: Mike said that National Grid will be giving money for replacement of VanDuesenville trees that were cut down.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Bozzuto