

Great Barrington Massachusetts
Tree Committee Minutes February 7, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Members Present: Holly Hamer, Michael Peretti, Lisa Bozzuto, Hilda Shapiro, Marcia Stamell

Members Absent: Shep Evans

Welcome extended to new member Marcia Stamell

- I. Minutes from the December 5, 2018 meeting were approved with one correction: Change Manville Ave. to Manville St. Minutes were sent to members prior to meeting.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Main St Tree Tag Replacements: Holly will look into how to waterproof and get labels typed. Holly will ask Shep to obtain a copy of town map so that it can be re-copied and updated
 - B. Arbor Day Plans

Extended discussion of plan for GB Tree and Arbor Day Celebration. Co-sponsors: GB Tree Committee, GB Land Conservancy, Friends of GB Libraries, GB Cultural District. Event is scheduled for 4/26 noon - 6pm. raindate 4/27. Events include Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival, Tree Planting Ceremony, Mulching Demo, Block Party and more. Holly will inform Jennifer Tabakin of celebration plans
 - C. Discussion of DCR Grants and/or CPA funds: suggestion was Made for volunteers to do invasive management in front of Wheeler Park funeral home. "Pride of Place"

III. New Business

- A. Report from Mike Peretti on “Managing Roadside Tree Mortality Workshop. Mike brought back fliers on Emerald Ash Borer, Spotted Lanternfly and Oak Wilt. He has posted these on TC website. He also brought MIIA Grant application form. Grant can be applied to hire arborist for tree inventory and assessment
- B. Tree City Signage: Lisa noticed that Tree City signs have “5 year” stickers . “6 year” stickers have not been applied. Holly will ask Sean to update.
- C. Increase in tree services budget: Holly reports that planned tree budget for FY2020 is \$92,000, up from \$55,000. This includes care and fertilization of Main St. Trees.
- D. Discussion of proposed tree related zoning change 6.2.7 Stockbridge Rd. The proposed zoning bylaw modification includes an expansion of triggers for requiring new tree plantings along Stockbridge Rd, and, in addition to new buildings, includes alterations, expansion and change of use. Discussion concluded with general recommendation of amendment.
- E. Discussion - locales for tree plantings: Holly will walk and look for planting sites. Marcia suggested an “Adopt a Tree” program

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Next meeting March 6, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Bozzuto