

Great Barrington Massachusetts
Tree Committee Minutes April 3, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

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

Citizens present: Sean Leary, Brent White, Tom Doyle, Paula Doyle

I. Minutes from the March 3, 2019 meeting were approved

II. Tree Warden Report

Peretti said there was an on-site meeting for 546 Main (see below).

Weir Park at Belcher Square will be the Arbor Day Project done for free by Haupt Tree.

Haupt Tree will fertilize 75 trees on Main St.

II. Old Business

A. Main St Tree Map: Bozzuto distributed a list of Main St plantings that includes tree name, Latin name and location. This list will be formatted for printing. Copies can be distributed at the Arbor Day Festival and placed at the library and on the town website

B. Arbor Day Plans

Hamer updated the committee on the status of Arbor Day Festival and gave committee members assignments for that day.

III. New Business

A, Recommendation Tree Removal Request 546 Main St

The development on this lot is for mixed use and includes the removal of a 200+ year old sugar maple tree.

Sean Leary from Topa Enterprises explained the history of 546 Main St plans. Tom Doyle has been moving forward with plans. As he was doing this, town by-laws have changed. He is now going to the Planning Board to request a special permit for an overlay.

Sean presented assessment of the tree that was performed by arborist Marc Fadding. The report indicated potential areas of rot and breakage and indicated that development plans within the root zone could lead to compaction and root loss. Sean indicated this was a potentially hazardous tree.

Tree Warden Mike Peretti reported that Eric Haupt has looked at the tree and found it to be a beautiful tree that is in reasonably good shape. The plan is for Haupt to look at the tree later in the spring (when buds begin to open) for further assessment. This would occur within the next month.

On May 11 a Planning Board hearing will be continued for site plan review.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Next meeting May 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Bozzuto