

Great Barrington Massachusetts
Tree Committee Minutes May 1, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

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

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

II. Tree Warden Report

Main St Trees will be fertilized by Haupt Tree.

The trees are doing well. There are plans to replace 2 Amelanchier laevis (serviceberry). Two new trees will be planted on Church St. Tree committee recommended Pyrus calleryana (pear) and Prunus sargentii (cherry).

There are plans to remove Triplex parking lot. Trees will be replaced. Tree Warden will be involved with Haupt Tree in trying to keep/save the Mahaiwe sugar maple. There is not certainty that the planned project is actually going forward.

Town Tree budget for FY2019 is exhausted. Budget for FY2020 will be raised to \$75,000-80,000.

II. Old Business

A. Main St Tree Map Distribution: Many maps have been distributed. Holly will work on having more printed. Lisa suggested that they also be posted on the Tree Committee website

B. Arbor Day Festival Review

Festival went very well . Tree planting at Mason Library by Tom Ingersoll was fun and educational. All 200 tree seedlings went to good homes.

III. New Business

A, Health status of Main St trees. Most of the trees are looking healthy and growing well.

B. Heritage Tree designation discussion: suggestions were made for some town trees that may meet criteria for being Heritage Trees. Need to follow up and review DCR application to learn more about what qualifies a trees for this status.

C, Mahiti hotel oak tree. Lisa Bozzuto (as Conservation Committee member) had added orders of condition on the extended Notice of Intent to provide enhanced protection for the oak tree on Bridge St while construction activities are underway.

D. Chris Wilshire had asked the Committee to address the issue of how the town disposes of leaves. Holly will talk with Sean Van Deusen about this.

E. Lisa Bozzuto announced her resignation after serving 8 years on the Committee. Holly will pursue looking for new members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm

Next meeting June 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Bozzuto