

DRAFT MINUTES

Great Barrington Tree Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 17 2024, 5pm Mason Library & Zoom

Chairperson: Julie Anidjar

Vice-Chairperson: Michael Peretti

Secretary: Gary Frenkel

Also present:

- Mary Stephen, committee member
- Chris Wiltshire, committee member
- Bobby Houston, committee member

I. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2024

Unanimous approval from all committee attendees

II. Tree Warden Report

- Emergency repair of red maple by town hall

III. Spring Planting Plan – Final review and approval

Prioritized candidate list:

Location	Common Name	# of Trees	Notes
Corner of Taconic & St James (GB)	London Planetree	1	Property next to People's Pantry (JULIE)
54 Hollenbeck (GB)	American Linden	2	Also known as basswood Norway Maple removed in 2016 (MARY)
15 Bridge St (GB)	Honeylocust	1	Replace recently removed cherry tree (MICHAEL)
70 Castle Hill Ave	Red Maple or White Oak	2	Replacement for 18 Sumner (JULIE)
Lake Mansfield Rd from Castle Hill to boat dock	1 Red Maple 1 Red Oak	2	(JULIE and MARY)
146 West Ave	2 White Oak	2	(JULIE to send photo)
35 Cottage St	White Oak	2	2 Norway Maple (MIKE)
Corner of Castle @ Lifeworks	Elm New Harmony or Jefferson variety	1	(JULIE to send photo)

ACTION ITEM: need to photograph locations with planting stakes (parentheses assignee)

IV. Arbor Day event

Gary to work with selectboard on Arbor Day proclamation

Library approved our event on Sat Apr 27, 10am-2pm, will provide book display

Julie is working on exhibiting tree-themed art with local artist Thomas Libetti

Ward's donated 100 black/sweet birch

Gary to create planting guide

Can Brooke do some PR?

Julie to create a flier

V. Tree City USA 2023

Approved by Tree City USA!

VI. New Business

Need to request funding for FY 2025 budget (at town meeting May 9)

Change meeting date to 1st Wed of every month (next meeting May 1)

Plaza proposal for front of town hall - will Tree Committee be consulted? Can we replace pines with shade trees? Need to join a selectboard meeting.

Gary to find out when selectboard meeting will discuss the new plaza so we can provide input

Julie to email Leigh Davis

DPW pushed back on replacing birches (or other tree improvements) in Taconic Lot - do we escalate to selectboard meeting?

Tree Committee - can we provide semi-regular updates to selectboard, 1-2x/year

DPW/Joe to ask for TC recommendations on Gilmore Ave sidewalk project, would not hit TC budget, will have to fit under utility wires

VII. Citizen Speak

N/A

VIII. Adjournment

5:41pm

Next meeting: Wed May 1, 5pm, Mason Library & Zoom

Submitted by:

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