

Tree Committee
December 2, 2015 Mason Library

Present: Jess Wikle, Beth Moser, Hilda Shapiro, Lisa Bozzuto, Tree Warden Mike Peretti.

Absent: Michael Wise

Also present Sharon Gregory

I. Chairperson Jess Wikle called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

II. Minutes from the November 4, 2015 meeting were approved without objection

III. Old Business

A. Great Barrington Tree by-law draft as submitted by Michael Wise was approved by the committee without objection. Chairperson Wikle will forward the draft by-law to the Board of Selectmen for review

B. update on Tree City USA application. Wikle reports it is all set except for a copy of last years press release on Arbor Day activities. Moser and Wikle agree to obtain copy. Wikle will then submit application for 2016

C. review of new planting proposed for Berkshire Motel. Committee noted that newest plan includes increased number of native species. Wikle commented that Tree Committee has no actual authority to approve or disapprove proposal. Committee members continue to recommend native plantings.

D. replacement tree at Mahaiwe Cemetary. Wikle will speak with Dennis Gibbons about replacing this tree in the spring

IV. General

Come to the next meetings will suggestions for Arbor Day

Next meeting is Wednesday January 6, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Bozzuto

