

Great Barrington Tree Committee Minutes

9/6/17

10/10/17



Present: Hilda Shapiro, Beth Moser, Nan Wile, Lisa Bozzuto, JB Brodeur

Absent: Michael Wise, Michael Peretti, Chris Wilshire

Motion to accept minutes from the meeting on 8/2/17- accepted

- I. Follow up regarding the letter that was sent to Sean Van Deusen (DPW) requesting a specific line item of \$15,000 for tree planting in the next fiscal budget. Lisa reports that there has been no response to this request. She will follow up with a second communication to Mr. VanDeusen.
- II. Inventory update: on 8/31, Lisa Bozzuto, Nan Wile, Mike Peretti, JB Brodeur, Tom Ingersoll and Mollie Frielischer (DCR) completed an inventory of the southern portion of town. Mollie input the data into the ITree program. They went from St James Square south to the police station and then back north to southern BCC campus on the east side of the street. This inventory will be used to inform tree planting and maintenance.
- III. McDonald's update: plans were sent to the town to plant two small ornamental trees on McDonald's property as part of their reconstruction plan.
- IV. Mason Library Tree- the replacement tree that has been offered as a donation by Tom Ingersoll has not yet been planted. Lisa will contact Sean VanDeusen to see what needs to be done to get the tree planted this fall.
- V. Elm tree in front of library at the corner of Main and Dresser Ave. This tree has been diagnosed with Dutch Elm Disease. Tom Zetterstrom is trying to determine if it can be saved. Samples have been sent to a

UMass Lab for diagnosis. Beth offered to contact the BerkshireEdge for a possible article on this process.

- VI. Dorte Huilde from the Botanical Gardens was invited for a conversation related to Arbor Day- Dorte did not attend the meeting.
- VII. TreeCity USA- Lisa asked members to look at the TreeCity USA application online and see if there was a piece of the application individuals could be responsible for. Nan, JB and Beth agreed to do this and contact Lisa with what they would like to do.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10/4, 2017 Mason Library 5:30pm