



**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS**

**GREAT BARRINGTON TREE COMMITTEE**

Minutes from June 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Members Present: Hilda Banks Shapiro, Lisa Bozzuto, Beth Moser, Chris Wilshire, JB Brodeur  
Members Absent: Michael Wise, Michael Peretti

also present: Kathy Kessler, Ed Abreham

Motion to accept minutes of May meeting - seconded and approved

I. Old Business:

Lisa has contacted Mollie Frielicher (DCR) to help with an inventory of trees on the southern portion of Rt 7 (south of Guido's to the Sheffield town line). This inventory will be used to inform future plantings

II. New Business

a. Lisa will consult Mike Peretti regarding the dying copper beech on Silver St

b. Kathy Kessler spoke to the committee regarding the invasive Japanese Knotweed in her neighborhood which is the area from Christian Hill Rd to the Housatonic River, including the Welcome St and Pearl St area. The committee agreed that we would like to be helpful but acknowledged that a coalition of people/groups is needed. Lisa suggested that she speak with the Conservation Commission regarding the area along the

river. Ed Abrahams offered to help and suggested that she email DPW and Christine Ward. It was suggested that Greenagers may be able to assist with invasive removal.

c. Lisa agreed to continue for another year as the Chairperson and has asked for assistance

d. Regarding the Town's FY 2018 budget, the committee would like a specific line item for tree replacement and planting. Currently the tree budget goes mostly to maintenance and removal. We will draft a request at the next meeting with input from Mike Peretti.

e. JB offered to review old committee minutes to make a list of trees that the committee has planted. This can later be used to map these plantings

f. Lisa will consult with Mike Peretti and then follow up on an email from a town resident regarding the condition of the large sycamore on Rt 7 near McDonalds

g. The committee agrees to cancel the July meeting. Lisa will inform Town Clerk of this cancellation

h. Next meeting August 2, 5:30pm Mason Library

Meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm