

**Barre City Tree Stewardship Committee - Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019**

Committee Members Present: Conor Teal, Amanda Garland, Nate Ebert

Committee Members Absent: Nicko Rubin

Staff Present: None

Visitors: None

1. Call to order – 6:25 pm by Member Conor Teal

2. Changes to agenda? Yes: A. Garland asked for addition of some updates.

3. Approve minutes of meeting for April 1, 2019.

- Motion to approve as presented made by A. Garland and seconded by C. Teal, passed unanimously.

4. Updates and Announcements

Amanda:

- Visited the Arbor Day Conference on May 3, where she presented on Apple Tree planting project. She also shared pest updates informational packets (Including: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Spotted Lanternfly, Oak Wilt fungus disease) as well as Northeast tree resources information.
- Intervale Conservation Nursery (Tree and Educational Resource)

Nate:

- Attended a Tree Risk Conference and is awaiting results on a certification; spoke with tree maintenance reps from other towns.
- Pruning Workshop: Get a planned cycle for pruning public trees. One dedicated arborist, one trainee is recommended for maintaining public trees.

5. Main Street Trees

- Timeline: Amanda will email Nicko to check timeline on delivery of ordered street trees. Amanda has a team of volunteers on the last two weeks of May available for planting.
- Amanda asked Conor to develop a flyer for seeking volunteers for planting trees.

6. Pruning Workshops

- Tabling another pruning schedule until next fiscal budget year.

7. Volunteer Recruitment

- A short discussion by the committee concluded that a clipboard-sized flyer should be made to explain the purpose of the committee, what we intend to do, and to motivate recruitment of volunteers for future projects or to join as potential committee members. There should also be sign-up sheet for contacts. Other recruitment methods are considered (social media, host events) but initially, a flyer to show the public at the next Tree event (see below) should get the committee's volunteer list sufficiently started.

8. Energy Saving Trees Event: June 1 (Tree Giveaway)

- Nate and Amanda will be attending and will share flyers (help gather contacts for volunteer events or committee participation) with people visiting the event.

9. Invasive Species

- Amanda asked Nate to contact John Snell of Montpelier for resistance plan (Emerald Ash Borer).

10. Committee Actions:

Amanda ACTION ITEMS:

1. Dig a hole in an empty plot on Main Street today (testing soil compaction, soil quality, substrate composition).
2. Contact Nicko about delivery date of Main Street Trees and plan for planting.

Conor ACTION ITEM:

1. Develop Volunteer Recruitment Flyer and Contact Sign-Up Sheet for BCTSC to distribute at the June 1 Energy Saving Trees Event.

Nate ACTION ITEM:

1. Contact J. Snell about his offer from last committee meeting for sharing his committee's information on the Montpelier resistance plan to Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species.

11. Adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm by A. Garland and seconded by N. Ebert, passed unanimously.