

**Barre City Tree Stewardship Committee - Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2019**

**Committee Members Present: Conor Teal, Amanda Garland, Nicko Rubin, Amy Galford**

Committee Members Absent: **Nate Ebert**

Staff Present: None

Visitors: None

1. Call to order – 5:59 pm by Member Amanda Garland

2. Changes to agenda? None.

3. GMP Trees

Amanda: 30 River Birch planted near Water Treatment plant. 10 leftover and awaiting Committee decision on next location.

Nicko: Difficult to place near sidewalks since roots spread upwards.

Amy: Playgrounds?

Amanda: Matheson Park is a possibility. Will offer suggestions to City Manager for placement of remaining trees so they can be planted within a few days.

4. Action Plan Review

Amanda: We're looking at checklist of action steps from Urban Forest Strategic Action Plan and update chart to what the Committee has already accomplished. Narrow focus on recommended actions to make a succinct list that is manageable to complete by current Tree Committee. Will expand as the Committee increases volunteer list and funding.

**Action Item #1 (Committee): Discuss and create Mission Statement by next meeting.**

**Action Item #2 (Amanda): Will discuss with Jeff Bergeron about the progress on short-term and long-term action steps that were included in 2016 Strategic Plan.**

**Action Item #3 (Amanda): Will contact Bill Ahearn about progress on Tree Guards.**

Nicko: Most Maples will likely fail, will need Main Street maintenance with priority.

Amy: At least a critical tree pruning plan for Main Street should be considered.

Amanda: Consider grant funding to keep planting new trees on the street.

6. Volunteer

Committee will continue seeking out events for tabling outreach.

Amanda: A parade would be a good public appearance. Though the team will need to come up with posters, etc.

Amy: Knows a contact in the Cow Pasture committee and they have experience with outreach activities in Barre.

**Action Item #4 (Amy): Will contact a member of the Cow Pasture committee to seek advice on event participation suggestions and if there is any interest in assisting the Tree Committee.**

#### 7. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Planning

Amanda: We have the Montpelier Plan and the State has resources available to address EAB with planning.

Nicko: Should we make a statement about how we treat EAB?

Conor: If we draft an annual report, it would be pertinent to put the Committee's opinion on this subject in the report to present to the Council and they could weigh in on next steps.

Amanda: This makes sense as there isn't much the Committee can work on directly right now for EAB measures. An overview of this topic and other Committee activities would be useful for public outreach.

**Action Item #4 (Conor): Will draft an overview of Tree Committee intentions and purpose to bring to next meeting for discussion. This overview will be used in outreach events to share with the public.**

#### 11. Set Agenda for next month:

- Draft Mission Statement
- Action Plan Review
- Main Street check-in.
- Pruning Schedule for Fall.
- Volunteer Recruitment Event Discussion.

#### 7. Adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm by A. Garland and seconded by C. Teal, passed unanimously.