

**Barre City Tree Stewardship Committee
Regular Meeting (Alumni Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1st floor access locked and
moved meeting to available space)
March 10, 2022 at 5:30pm-6:30pm (Every Second Thursday of Month)**

In-Person Meeting:

Staff Present: None

Committee Members Present: Conor Teal, Amanda Garland

Guests: Ellen Sivret (Barre City Community Garden Committee)

(Committee did not make quorum, and no decisions were made.)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Changes to Agenda

Amanda called the meeting to order at 5:42pm. Jeff Bergeron, city staff liaison emailed the committee to report he would need to be absent for this meeting.

Added: Roundtable Discussion at the beginning of the meeting to allow for the guest to speak first.

Ellen: Primary reason for attending was to officially announce her nomination of Amanda for a Tree Steward leadership award from Vermont Urban & Community Forestry; paperwork and supporting letters would be collected soon and submitted for consideration the following week. Conor shared that he would give a letter of support to Ellen to include in the nomination by the following day.

Committee also received email announcement from Committee Member, Amy Galford, apologizing for not being able to attend due to heavy workload and is reassessing her ability to remain in the committee.

2. Tree Ordinance Amendment Update

No update.

3. Main Street Trees and Tree Guards Update

No update on tree guards.

Brief discussion on possible street tree additions, several characteristics to consider in choosing effective street trees, including: tree height, branch span, root depth, strong salt tolerance, bark strength, drought-tolerance, and more. No final decision on which selections to purchase (at least 6 empty plots could be filled on Main Street), more trees to consider and committee would want to discuss with Jeff, Tree Warden.

4. Tree Nursery Update

Amanda: Recommends a simple setup for watering the nursery trees this summer: rain barrel on some blocks with a water spout for filling buckets. The City staff at the reservoir would be able to fill the barrel, as needed. Amanda believes a more elaborate setup could be designed and built later, but at this time the City has the available materials to put together a sufficient watering system for the nursery. Will discuss later with Jeff on the potential for this.

5. Outreach for Volunteers/Committee Members

No update.

6. Draft April Agenda

Committee will use the same agenda for April.

7. Adjourn

Committee adjourned at 6:20p.