

Urban Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 19, 2018, 7:45 a.m.

City Hall Room 205

Present: Jess Barton, Barbara Darnell, Julia Malakie, Barbara Smiley, Beth Wilkinson, Marc Welch.

Absent: Bob DeRubeis, Francesca Piper Koss, Amy Sangiolo.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the December, 2018 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Forestry Department Update

- Work was affected by the extreme cold in December
 - The snow cover affected stump grinding
- Budget talks beginning but are very preliminary
- Tree contracts are out to bid (3 year cycle) mostly for tree removals,
 - But some pruning also
- 2nd log truck coming this spring hopefully
- Tree posting at 100 Pickwick Road, Waban.
 - The property does not have a number, but it is between 99 & 110 Pickwick
- Forestry has issued approximately 200 permits this year,
 - 20-30 in previous years

Needham Street

- No trees are included in their plans – it is up to private development along the street to plant them.
- The Needham Street Envisioning group needs to advocate for trees in the corridor
- The UTC needs to be vigilant about Needham Street special permits & advocate with the Planning Department to ensure trees are included.

Rezoning & Redesign

- Canopy coverage is important
- Jess will ask the Planning Dept about tree input in the Zoning redesign
 - And will reach out to the Mayor's office
- UTC members should contact Councilors
- Trees are a separate ordinance to Zoning (Dover Ordinance)

Pine Crest Road

- Marc has looked at the property and some trees are in bad shape
- The builder was granted a tree permit which was appealed & withdrew application