

## Urban Tree Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 18, 2017, 7:45 a.m.

City Hall Room 205

Present: Julia Malakie, Barbara Smiley, Marc Welch, Barbara Darnell.

Absent: Jess Barton, Bob DeRubeis, Francesca Piper Koss, Amy Sangiolo, Beth Wilkinson.

### Approval of minutes

The approval of the July meeting minutes was deferred to the September meeting.

### Forestry Department Update

- Day to day operations:
  - Risk tree work continues
  - Survey of main roads not completed
  - 2016: 600 trees removed
  - 2017: hopefully fewer
- Removals will continue through the end of September
- October- stump grinding
- November- planting
- December- stumps & pruning
- A new bucket truck is a possibility - it's currently out to bid
- Planting plan update:
  - Counting the number of trees
  - Counting the number of possible sites, possibly by snow route
  - There is \$25K in the budget for tree planting which will finance 200-300 trees. With possibly 50-75 residents watering. (There hasn't been much success with this previously)
  - About 250 trees will be planted with ordinance money
- The Adams St b&b trees will come out of the current planting budget. This will go out to bid next month.
- DPW projects:
  - 3 removals on Beacon St 1265, 1275, 1392
  - 1 removal on Beethoven
  - 12 of 13 remaining trees on Adams St will be removed
  - Mt Ida is still in flux
  - The Cabot trees have already been removed
  - Cambia St is staying for now
  - No more 'hot in place' road paving until further study. Marc has a list of previous HIP locations he will check out
- There are 2 new removal requests: 34 Larchmont Ave & 126 Stanley

### Meeting Adjournment.