

Urban Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 15, 2017, 7:45 a.m.

City Hall Room 205

Present: Jess Barton, Barbara Darnell, Barbara Smiley, Marc Welch.

Absent: Julia Malakie, Amy Sangiolo, Bob DeRubeis, Francesca Piper Koss, Beth Wilkinson

Forestry Report (Marc Welch):

-Adams & Watertown Streets: trees are out to bid. They will be Balled & Burlap (B&B) trees, installed with contractor labor. They will have a guarantee (2 years?) and the contractor will water for that amount of time. The cost of the trees will be part of Forestry's planting budget.

-Bare root planting:

Fall: 300 (+100 NTC trees) will be planted this Fall.

Spring: will be a smaller planting & Forestry may begin a program whereby homeowners will be asked to water.

There is encouragement from the Executive office to increase tree planting. Most of the trees planted will be purchased with Tree Ordinance money.

Barbara Smiley philosophically asked what direction the UTC will take in the short & long term. The group thought its purpose was to give recommendations for policy guidance & advice but it was a good question for longer discussion. And was different from the Newton Tree Conservancy whose purpose was more for advocacy.