



## Arlington Tree Committee Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023

**Time:** 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

**Location:** Conducted via Zoom and in-person @Town Hall Annex 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room:  
[ATC Monthly Meeting Zoom Link](#)

In attendance: Eliza Burden, Steve Moore, Mara Vatz; Guests: Olivier Aries, Annika Ziegler

1. Review Agenda & Introductions. Annika Ziegler is a student at AHS and will be volunteering as Arlington Tree Committee student liaison. No formal appointment has yet been made.
2. Department of Public Works (DPW) Tree Division Update (Tim) **Tim was not present but Steve will reach out to Tim to see if there is any written report to share.**
  - Tree Bylaw Activity
  - Tree Hearings
  - Town Projects Involving Trees
  - Tree Maintenance Activities
  - Other Tree Dept news
3. Tree-related interactions with Town
  - Con Comm -- Michael Gildesgame, ConComm liaison to ATC, reported prior to the meeting that there is a submitted draft Forest Plan for Symmes conservation area; ConComm expects there to be public input. Eliza and Mary Ellen will attend a meeting with David Morgan, ConComm and Land Trust on Sept. 25.
  - ZBA -- Public Hearing on 10 Sunnyside Ave. development (40B) is now closed and the project will likely be approved. This is a “friendly” 40B, so the entire building will be affordable housing. Trees and tree interested have been be incorporated into the plan.
4. Publicity/Community Outreach
  - AHS student involvement -- Annika Ziegler was introduced. She is a junior at AHS and will serve as a student liaison, helping to engage the student body in ATC initiatives, namely our Adopt-a-Tree program and the opportunity for community service hours. **Mara** will reach out to Rachel Olivieri to let her know that Annika is going to be our ATC liaison.
  - Adopt-A-Tree -- **Annika will advertise the Adopt-a-Tree program at the High School**, specifically focusing on helping students to understand that Community Service hours are available to those who assist with Tree Care. Since National Honors Society students need approved Community Service hours (ATC is an approved organization), then Community Service opportunities are popular in the Fall at AHS.
  - Community Canopy -- All the trees (with the exception of one) have been sold.
  - Town Day Prep -- Schedule is on Drop Box for signing up. Potential theme: Heat Island. We will display the map. May need to get an enlarged version. **Steve will be in touch with Tim to see if he has a heat island map and Steve will also check on the registration.**
5. Administrative
  - Tree Preservation Bylaw Plan. The following “timeline” was proposed as a way of staying on top of any proposed amendments we might want to make to the existing Tree Preservation Bylaw.
    - October -- Present Wish List – Prioritize—**Mara will contact Susan** about getting this started. Use the existing list that we started last year and distribute prior to the next meeting so we all have a chance to review/comment on prior to the next meeting.
    - November -- Review Top Picks & Revisions
    - December -- Final Draft
    - January -- Warrant Article due to the Select Board

**Next Meeting: October 11, 2023**