



URBAN FORESTRY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday March 20, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the (Roll Call) – January 17, 2024 & February 28, 2024
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5. Public Participation – Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in person and remote participation at the Urban Forestry Tree Commission meetings. To partake in the “Public Participation” section of this meeting, you may join us directly within the 50 Officer Manny Familia Way Meeting Room A, follow the information above to join via the Teams application or dial the direct line as indicated. If you would like to raise your hand when in the meeting as a call-in user, you may dial *5.

6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)

7. Old Business

- Request of Commissioner Winbourne to discuss Green School Yard Program
- Request of Commissioner Winbourne to discuss Audubon Report on Solar
- Request of Commissioner Winbourne for the Commission to set goals for the Commission
- Review City Ordinances on Trees
[Trees in the City - Right Tree, Right Place | City of Worcester, MA \(worcesterma.gov\)](https://www.worcesterma.gov/2023/05/02/trees-in-the-city-right-tree-right-place/)
- Worcester Urban Forestry Research Summit

8. New Business

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- Discuss plan for subcommittee meeting with Davey
- Discuss Wigwam Hill development
- Discuss meeting location

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- May 1, 2024
- June 5, 2024

8. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)



URBAN FORESTRY TREE COMMISSION MEETING **MINUTES**

Wednesday January 17, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM
2. Attendance (Roll Call) –
 - a. **Commissioners Present:**
 - i. Alexander Elton
 - ii. Robin Karoway-Waterhouse
 - iii. Joy Winbourne
 - iv. Kristin Wobbe (Virtual)
 - b. **Administration Present:**
 - i. Robert C. Antonelli, Jr. Assistant Commissioner
 - ii. Brian Breveleri, Forestry Director
 - iii. Milagros Pacheco, Staff Assistant III
 - iv. Denis Tucker – Working Foreman
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the November 01, 2023. Commissioner Elton made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
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6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)
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 - a. Request of Commissioner Winbourne for the Commission to set goals for the Commission - Tabled
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 - a. The second draft of the Urban Forestry Master Plan which can be found here:
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[worcesterma.gov](https://www.worcesterma.gov/urban-forestry)
 - b. Request to discuss lessons learned
<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/urban-forest-plan>
 - c. Request of Commissioner Winbourne to discuss Green School Yard Program – Commissioner Winbourne made a motion to table this item until the following meeting. Second by Commissioner Elton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
 - d. Request of Commissioner Winbourne to discuss Audubon Report on Solar – Tabled.
 - e. Request of Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse for Forestry to report monthly data on removals & plantings including district, genus/species, reason for removal, or (if planting) was it by resident request. – See motion below.
 - f. Request of Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse on the reason why Worcester does not have a fall planting and what would it take to start.
 - i. Assistant Commissioner Antonelli explained that the reason there is no fall planting is because it doesn’t give the trees enough time for the tree to survive.
 - g. Request of Commissioner Wobbe to advise if there is an effort to maintain our current canopy by removing invasives like oriental bittersweet
 - i. Assistant Commissioner Antonelli said there is no proactive approach at this point for treating the invasive oriental bittersweet.

Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse made the following motions:

- a. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse made a motion to remove the phrase “to continue” from the first sentence of the Executive Summary on p. 5 of the 2nd draft of the Urban Forest Master Plan. The sentence should only reflect that “our vision is for the ... forest to be a model...” Second by Commissioner Winbourne. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- b. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse made a motion to request the Urban Forestry and Tree Commission recommend and request from the City Council a minimum of \$500,000 in funding for the Forestry Dept. See pps. 76-7, 92-3 Master Plan. Second by Commissioner Elton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- c. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse a motion that out of the aforementioned funds requested, that Forestry create three new positions: Second by Commissioner Winbourne. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
 - i. another arborist position for the reasons outlined on p. 80 of the 2nd draft Master Plan
 - ii. one Community Forester (in support of Master Plan recommendation #9) who can handle public education and outreach, facilitate community partnerships, and integrate with customer service, etc.
 - iii. one forestry internship for reasons listed under 2.6 of p. 81 of the Master Plan
- d. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse, in order to support increased tree plantings and a transition from reactive to proactive forestry practices, made a motion for the Urban Forestry Tree Commission to further study the prospect of a city-operated tree nursery to help address tree-sourcing shortages. Nursery should prioritize native species. UFTC should have recommendations within a time-period of about six months. Second by Commissioner Elton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- e. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse in order to support increased tree plantings and a transition from reactive to proactive forestry practices, made a motion to support “Option 1” listed under “Tree Replacement Policy- Update” in the Assistant Commissioner’s Report of the Agenda: Second by Commissioner Elton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
 - i. When a tree is removed, the City of Worcester will plant trees within the right of way that meets the Arbor Day Foundations “Right Tree, Right Place” protocols, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Urban & Community Forestry planting guidelines, ISA Planting standards, and ANSI A300 Part 6 tree planting and transplanting standards in all available locations without a request or agreement of the adjacent property owner.
- f. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse made a motion to request that Forestry/the City of Worcester partner with organizations for new/young tree watering and pruning in contracts lasting a minimum of three years in order for partners to secure funding and staff where applicable. Second by Commissioner Elton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- g. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse made a motion to request the UFTC explore the idea of a tree summit. Second by Commissioner Winbourne. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- h. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse made a motion to require that the Urban Forestry Master Plan be updated yearly with available data and re-assessed no more than ten years after its adoption. Second by Commissioner Elton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- i. Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse made a motion to require that the finished Master Plan be fully, professionally, and accurately translated into Spanish. Other languages on the recommendation of the city. Second by Commissioner Winbourne. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

Commissioner Winbourne made the following motions:

- a. Commissioner Winbourne made a motion to create a subcommittee of rotating Worcester Urban Forestry Commission members to work with Davey Resource Group and Department of Parks & Recreation to finalize the urban forestry master plan. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- b. Commissioner Winbourne made a motion to change the goal for tree replacement ratio (as stated on p77 of the 2nd draft of the UFMP) of 1:1 to a minimum of 3:1. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

- c. Commissioner Winbourne made a motion to create a Worcester Urban Forestry Research summits. The first, to occur in 2024, would bring together a panel of area expertise with the goal to examine existing datasets to help establish tree canopy goals, priorities, and strategies for the City of Worcester. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- d. Commissioner Winbourne made a motion for the Dept. of Parks and Recreation to create and present an annual progress report to the commission, and for that report to be used by the UFC to determine if the UFMP needs to be updated. Second by Commissioner Elton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- e. Commissioner Winbourne made a motion to change the language throughout the plan whenever it points to the need for action being dependent upon conducting a comprehensive UTC assessment and replace this with action being dependent upon the recommendations made by the 2024 Worcester Forest Research Summit (WFRS). For example, while it is stated on p85 that “a lack of UTC should not keep Worcester from beginning to plant in high priority areas identified in other studies”, there is no discussion of how planting priorities will be made in the meantime. To address this motion, I would suggest making current recommendation #7 appear before current recommendation #6. Modify current recommendation #7 to reflect the creation of a WFRS with Action #1 being the creation of the WFRS and Action 2 being the utilization of the results of the summit to create an annual tree planting and maintenance plan. Action #3 then being the creation of a comprehensive UTC and modification of plans based on that new knowledge. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

Commissioner Elton made the following motions:

- a. Commissioner Elton made a motion to remove on pages 8, 40, and 49 of the Master Plan Worcester's urban forest valued at \$123,000. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- b. Commissioner Elton made a motion to amend accurately on page 49, the report states, "The Worcester City Forester and a team of staff in DPW&P manage the street and parks trees through site plan and construction plan review for private and public projects." Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- c. Commissioner Elton made a motion to review zoning ordinance at our next meeting about pages 64 and 72 of the master plan, mentioning establishing ordinances/regulations for tree planting requirements for development projects. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
- d. Commissioner Elton made a motion to accurately spell the name of the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill on page 3 and twice on page 47. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4- 0.

Date of Next Meeting:

February 28, 2024
 March 20, 2024
 April 3, 2024
 May 1, 2024
 June 5, 2024

Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

General:

Urban Forestry Master Plan Review

The second draft of the Urban Forestry Master Plan which can be found here:

[Trees in the City - Right Tree, Right Place | City of Worcester, MA \(worcesterma.gov\)](#)

- Worcester Regional Research Bureau Brief 23-14 “Worcester’s Urban Forest Master Plan”
- Door Hanger - NA
- Tree Commission attending neighborhood meetings – Update
 - [Neighborhood Response Team | City of Worcester, MA \(worcesterma.gov\)](#)
- Tree replacement policy – Update
 - Commission to recommend a policy on Tree Planting & Replacement:
 - Option 1:
The City of Worcester will plant trees within the right of way that meets the Arbor Day Foundation “Right Tree – Right Place” protocols, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Urban & Community Forestry planting guidelines, ISA Planting standards, and ANSI A300 Part 6 tree planting and transplanting standards in all available locations without a request or agreement of the adjacent property owner.
 - Option 2:
The City of Worcester will plant trees within the right of way that meets the Arbor Day Foundation “Right Tree – Right Place” protocols Commonwealth of Massachusetts Urban & Community Forestry planting guidelines, ISA Planting standards, and ANSI A300 Part 6 tree planting and transplanting standards upon request or agreement of the adjacent property owner only.
- Neighborhood Based Urban Heat Risk Assessment - NA
- Worcester Now | Next online survey - NA
- Green Worcester Advisory Committee -NA
- Planting –
 - Spring 2024 Planting - NA
- Customer Service Update
 - Customer Service Contact Information 508-929-1300 &/or 311
- Street Resurfacing Opportunities & Challenges – NA
- Zoning Ordinance Discussion - NA
- Worcester Ordinance Relative to the Protection of Public Trees - NA
- Partnerships –
 - New England Botanical Garden @ Tower Hill - NA
- Grant Applications –
 - DCR Grant Program - NA
- Economic Development Initiatives –
 - NA
- Forestry Vandalism & Graffiti –
 - NA
- Donations –
 - NA
- Pests –
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle) - NA
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) - NA
 - Spotted Lanternfly - NA
 - Elm Zigzag Sawfly – NA
- Forestry Operations –
 - Tree City USA – NA
 - Arbor Day –
 - April 26, 2024
 - April 27, 2024 – Festival

- Budget – Operational & Capital – NA
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
 - Capital Improvement Program – NA
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
- Misc.
- Date of Next meeting – February 28, 2024

- Commissioner Winbourne made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Elton. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 6:03 pm
2. Attendance (Roll Call) – Commissioners Present were:
 - a. Alexander Elton
 - b. Robin Karoway-Waterhouse
 - c. Joseph Mogel – Virtual
 - d. Kristin Wobbe
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the (Roll Call) – January 17, 2024 – (tabled) – Commissioner Wobbe made a motion to table for further discussion. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
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Commissioner Elton Motions for zoning ordinances to be included in Worcester’s Urban Forest Master Plan

1. I move that Worcester's urban forest master plan include recommendations for tree planting and canopy cover requirements for all development that requires plan review by the city.
2. I move that Worcester urban forest master plan includes recommendations for staffing for recommended tree planting and canopy cover requirements for all development during the plan review phase as well as during construction and up to two years after the project has been completed.
3. I move that Worcester’s urban forest master plan includes recommendations for tree planting and canopy cover requirements for all parking lots being constructed or renovated.
4. I move that Worcester’s urban forest master plan includes recommendations for staffing for recommended tree planting and canopy cover requirements for all parking lots being constructed or renovated during the plan review phase, during construction, and up to two years after the project has been completed.

There were questions from Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse, there were discussions between the Commissioners, and a suggestion to reword and be more specific as to if the recommendations were geared towards commercial or residential properties or both. Commissioner Elton said he would let Davey Tree decide on the wording. Assistant Commissioner Antonelli explained that addendums could be made to the Master Plan at a later date.

Evelyn Herwitz asked if the motions that have been made are going to be public records that get attached to the plan. Assistant Commissioner Antonelli said that his intention is to attach them as part of the plan and then send them to Planning and Zoning.

Deb Carey from Mass Audubon said she was hoping that all comments after the second draft as well as recommendations and ideas that

came in would be part of the document.

Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse asked for clarification on making an ordinance. Assistant Commissioner Antonelli explained that ordinances start with the Department that's responsible for that function, they work with the Law Department to create the ordinance, then that document goes to City Council, and they vote to advertise, then the city advertises the ordinance, then they vote to ordain the ordinance, then the ordinance has a date. He also indicated that the ordinance now is for public shade trees and not private, he would have to get the recommendations of the Law Department. There were further discussions in reference to the ordinances and amending the master plan. A copy of this meeting will be available for review and listen to at www.worcesterma.gov/city-clerk/public-meetings/agendas-minutes.

Commissioner Elton made a motion to accept all of the above motions. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

- Request to discuss lessons learned
<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/urban-forest-plan>
- Request of Commissioner Winbourne to discuss Green School Yard Program –
- Request of Commissioner Winbourne to discuss Audubon Report on Solar –
- Deb Carey from the Mass Audubon spoke in reference to a Solar sighting report where they are encouraging the use of already developed areas and buildings for solar to prevent agricultural or important parcel land being used.
- Request of Commissioner Winbourne for the Commission to set goals for the Commission
- Commissioner Elton made a motion to table the items Commissioner Winbourne had requested as she was not present. Second by Commissioner Wobbe. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

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- Review City Ordinances on Trees
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 - Commissioner Elton made a motion to table this item. Second by Commissioner Karoway-Waterhouse. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.
 - Grace from New England Botanical Garden gave a description of the scope of work they had worked with the City of Worcester, such as professional training for Worcester staff, objectives, and plans. Tree symposium topics and speakers they have had in the past. She invited the Commissioners to be on the planning

committee. She also spoke about horticulture and the desire to start a tree nursery to plant diverse trees.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

- March 20, 2024
- April 3, 2024 (Remove)
- May 1, 2024
- June 5, 2024

10. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. General:

- Grace Elton, CEO of New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill spoke, she had some questions and offers to help as follows:
 - She spoke in reference going through the Master Plan Draft and the proposals on how they could help with some items.
 - She spoke about helping out with a Public Symposium about tree care and tree information. She has the topics and the speakers.
 - She asked about the status of a proposal the New Botanic Garden had given to the City of Worcester, and she wanted to know if they would be coordinating the Arbor Day Festival.
- Urban Forestry Master Plan Review
 - The second draft of the Urban Forestry Master Plan which can be found here:
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- Tree Commission attending neighborhood meetings – This was left open for future discussion.
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 - Tree City USA – NA
 - Arbor Day –
 - April 26, 2024
 - April 27, 2024 – Festival – Has not been finalized there will be a discussion with New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill. Assistant Commissioner spoke in reference to funds from the Commonwealth which pays for the majority of the contract and the possibility of them being cut, he has reached out to the Commonwealth, but he hasn't received a response.
- Budget – Operational & Capital – NA
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
 - Capital Improvement Program – NA
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
- Misc.
- Date of next meeting – April 3, 2024.
- Commissioner Elton made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Second by Commissioner Wobbe. All were in favor. Motion was approved 4 – 0.

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 - Update
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- Tree Commission attending neighborhood meetings – Update
- Tree replacement policy – NA
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