



URBAN FORESTRY TREE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday May 3, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Administrative Office

Meeting Room A

50 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605

Or

If you choose to use the WebEx platform:

- 1) Go to www.webex.com
- 2) Click the “join” button on the top right side of the screen
- 3) Enter Meeting ID#: 2308 592 0933
- 4) Enter password: Treecomm5-3

If you choose to attend via phone:

- 1) Call 1-415-655-0001
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance (Roll Call)
3. Acceptance of Minutes for the (Roll Call) – April 12, 2023 (Table)
4. To request a reasonable accommodation or interpretation or submit written comments or questions in advance of the meeting, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division by email at Worcestertrees@worcesterma.gov. Please note that interpretation requests must be received no later than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Para solicitar una interpretacion razonable, o enviar comentarios o preguntas por escrito por favor comuniquese con la oficina de la Division de Parques, Recreo & Cementerio por correo electronico a Worcestertrees@worcesterma.gov. Por favor note que las solicitudes de interpretacion deberan ser enviadas 48 horas antes de la reunion.
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 WebEx 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 *3.

6. Assistant Commissioners Report (See Report Topics Below)
 7. Old Business
 - Solar Access (Ted Conna)
 8. New Business
 - a. The Urban Forestry Master Plan which can be found here:
[Trees in the City - Right Tree, Right Place | City of Worcester, MA \(worcesterma.gov\)](https://www.worcesterma.gov/urban-forestry)
 - b. The Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Inflation Reduction Act Notice of Funding Opportunity which can be found here:
[Urban Forests | US Forest Service \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/urban-forests)
 9. Date of Next Meeting:
 - June 7, 2023
 - September 6, 2023
 - October 4, 2023
 - November 1, 2023
 - December 6, 2023
 - January 17, 2024
 - February 28, 2024
 - March 20, 2024
 - April 3, 2024
 - May 1, 2024
 - June 5, 2024
 8. Meeting Adjourned (Roll Call)
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

1. General:

- Urban Forestry Master Plan Review
 - Public Meeting May 4, 2023 (Part of the Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda)
- Door Hanger - NA
- Tree Commission attending neighborhood meetings - NA
- Tree replacement policy
 - Request Only
 - Mandated replacement
- Neighborhood Based Urban Heat Risk Assessment - NA
- Worcester Now | Next online survey
 - NA
- Green Worcester Advisory Committee
 - NA
- Planting –
 - Spring 2023 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 –
 - NA
- Economic Development Initiatives –
 - NA
- Forestry Vandalism & Graffiti –
 - NA
- Donations –
 - NA
- Forestry Operations –
 - Tree City USA – Submitted
 - ALB (Asian Longhorned Beetle)
 - EAB (Emerald Ash Borer)
 - Arbor Day – April 28, 2023
- Budget – Operational & Capital – NA
 - Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division – NA
 - Capital Improvement Program – NA
 - City Five Point Financial Plan – NA
- Misc.

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