

Cambridge Committee on Public Planting
Wed 9 September 2009
Minutes

1. Update on street tree planting

Fall trees were tagged at Millane's in Connecticut; plans are set to plant ~60 this fall, totalling approximately 400 planted this year with another 65 locations set for spring planting. The cost per tree purchase and installation is roughly \$500. The city's tree budget has additional funds from tree mitigation at Mass ave and Beech st as well as the Harvard Fogg Museum project.

2. Update on street tree pruning

Linnaean st, Avon Hill, miscellaneous streets and areas are done.

3. Update on park and cemetery pruning

Riverside Press Park and Cambridge Cemetery are done.

4. Update on the Street Tree Inventory

Modest progress has been made, work continues. The City Arborist is also inventorying tree wells.

5. Next meeting is at 5.30pm on W 10/14/09 at 147 Hampshire street

6. New business and other agenda items

Henrietta Davis and Zeyneb Magavi attended to discuss urban orchards, Google mapping of fruit trees, and harvesting information. One area of concern is soil pollutants and potential toxicity of fruit or other plants that might be harvested. An inventory of what's already in place would be good; there is apparently a 1998 metropolitan map of edible tree and shrub plantings but its availability is unclear.

One item suggested for the next meeting is annual project ideas.

There was brief discussion of putting utilities underground, and investigating the next generation of energy delivery options with an eye to more attractive streets.