

## **ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE – PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION**

The Arlington Tree Committee was established in 2010 by the Arlington Board of Selectmen. The mission of the Committee is to promote the protection, planting, and care of trees in Arlington.

### **Our Current Objectives:**

- Support the Arlington Tree Warden.
- Increase the number of site-appropriate public trees.
- Promote community awareness of trees and their benefits.
- Provide a website about trees and related town tree services.
- Provide training in tree selection, planting, and care.
- Develop and maintain a list of recommended trees.
- Raise funds to support Tree Committee's mission.
- Advance the use and scope of the town-wide tree inventory

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Arlington Tree Committee (ATC) and tree-related policy should visit:

1. ATC website: <http://arlingontrees.org/>
2. Chapter 87 Massachusetts State Law on public shade trees: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter87>
3. Town Bylaw article 16 on private trees: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/laws-and-regulations/town-bylaws/title-v-regulations-upon-the-use-of-private-property#16>

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Arlington Tree Committee, we invite you to first attend a meeting or two. The Committee generally meets publicly on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9:00 pm. See the Arlington town calendar for agenda and meeting information. At these meetings, you will be able to see how the committee works and how you might contribute as a member. You will also be able to ask questions of committee members.

If you would like to pursue membership, you should submit a resume and/or brief statement of interest to the Chair(s) at [artreecmte@gmail.com](mailto:artreecmte@gmail.com) and to the Arlington Select Board. Factors for membership taken into consideration are the optimum number of members, diversity, and currently needed skills and interests.

You will need to be formally appointed by the Arlington Board of Selectmen. You will receive a letter from the Board asking you to appear at one of their meetings. Afterward, you will then need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk. A membership term is three years.

## **MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Members are expected to attend monthly Arlington Tree Committee meetings, which are usually held on the second Wednesday evening of each month. See Arlington town calendar for meeting location and how to participate. If you cannot attend the meeting, you should notify one of the co-Chairs before the meeting. Please decide before joining whether you will be able to attend regularly; as with any active committee, a steady commitment is preferred.
2. Members are expected to help with Arlington Tree Committee outreach efforts and activities. This includes, but may not be limited to, a booth at Town Day in September, Community Canopy events and Arbor Day activities in the spring.
3. Members should be willing to take on a specific role on the committee, such as Co-chair, Recording Secretary, Publicity, Correspondence, liaison to Town Boards and commissions, etc.