

## Shade Tree Advisory Committee

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The Board of Selectmen will appoint a Shade Tree Advisory Committee consisting of five members, each of whom will be appointed for a one year term. The Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members who are experienced arborists, landscapers, or nursery persons, and at least one person knowledgeable in municipal budgeting. The Tree Warden, appointed by the Board of Selectmen under MGL Chapter 87, shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

The purpose of this Committee will be to act as an advisory committee and to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of preserving and protecting all shade trees that exist on Town property.

The duties of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee shall include the following:

- Support the Tree Warden in his/her duties;
- Work closely with the Public Works Department to implement their tree planting program;
- Achieve close cooperation among the Tree Warden, all Town departments and private developers on matters that affect Milton's trees in order to preserve and improve the tree canopy;
- Continue a tree-by-tree inventory on public property with information about location, species, size and health of each tree in a database that will be updated on a regular basis and will serve as the foundation for maintenance, future planting and management plans;
- Encourage private funding, donations, and grants as a supplement to the tree budget;
- Institute Town-wide educational programs on the benefits of trees and encourage tree planting on public and private property by providing information on the value of trees as part of the Town's landscape, recommending selection of species and proper planting procedures; and
- Promote appreciation of trees through an annual Arbor Day celebration, Tree City USA recognition, and other related activities.

The Committee shall issue an annual report to the Board of Selectmen.