

2020-01-24, Minutes--Ordinance & Policy Subcommittee of PSTC  
Forbes Library, Mezzanine  
Present: David Lukens, Lilly Lombard

Meeting called to order 2:30pm

Updating Northampton's Significant Tree Ordinance:

- Reviewed existing tree protection ordinances in Cambridge, Arlington, Concord; Portland, OR
- Amended "Legislative Findings and Intent" section
- Explored higher protection for groves of trees given their higher ecological function and value
- Explored terms needed to be defined in Definition section of zoning: Tree Protection Plan, Tree Protection Zone, Tree Mitigation, Grove, Significant Tree
- Discussed requirement to save min  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all trees on lot
- Discussed exemptions allowed in current ordinance--potential for reducing exemptions, especially for NZ building since it may become the norm
- Discussed requiring a tree protection guarantee and having fines for non-compliance

Meeting adjourned 3:40pm