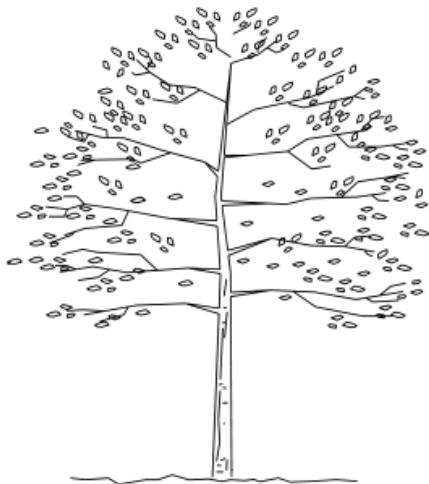


Article 14

Amendment to Title II of the Town Bylaws

The Arlington Tree Committee



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Arlington Tree Committee (ATC)

A Brief History

- The Arlington Tree Committee (ATC) first created via Town Meeting (TM) Warrant Article in 2003
 - Article #29 - “Establish Tree Committee.”
 - “The Committee will report to the 2004 Annual Town Meeting on the advisability of enacting a Town bylaw that would provide for a program to preserve and protect shade trees on public and private property within the town.”
 - Of the five appointed members in 2004, one is still on the ATC in 2025.
 - Have found no mention of any Report made to the 2004 TM.

Arlington Tree Committee (ATC)

A Brief History (cont.)

- The ATC re-created via Board of Selectmen (BoS) decision in 2010
 - BoS meeting of June 21, 2010.
 - “The committee will work on replacing lost trees (31 trees lost on June 6th during the storm) and planting new trees as well as advising on all tree related matters. They also will be working closely with the Town Tree Warden, James Dodge.”
 - Of the ten appointed members in 2010, three are still on the ATC in 2025.

Arlington Tree Committee (ATC)

A Brief History (cont.)

- Since 2010, the ATC has had major accomplishments
 - Developed and proposed to TM in 2016 an Arlington Tree Protection and Preservation Bylaw; now included as Article 16, within Title V, and has been amended/updated three times since 2016.
 - Supported the development of the 2017 Town-wide Public Street Tree Inventory.
 - Developed and established the Community Tree Canopy Program.
 - Developed and established the Adopt-a-Tree Program.

Arlington Tree Committee (ATC)

A Brief History (cont.)

- Since 2010, the ATC has had major accomplishments (cont.)
 - Developing the Back-of-Sidewalk Tree Program.
 - Supported and developed public awareness, education, outreach, and resources (including a website) to help retain, maintain, and grow the Arlington tree canopy.
 - Represented and advocated for trees in many public forums, and in Town governance.

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Purpose

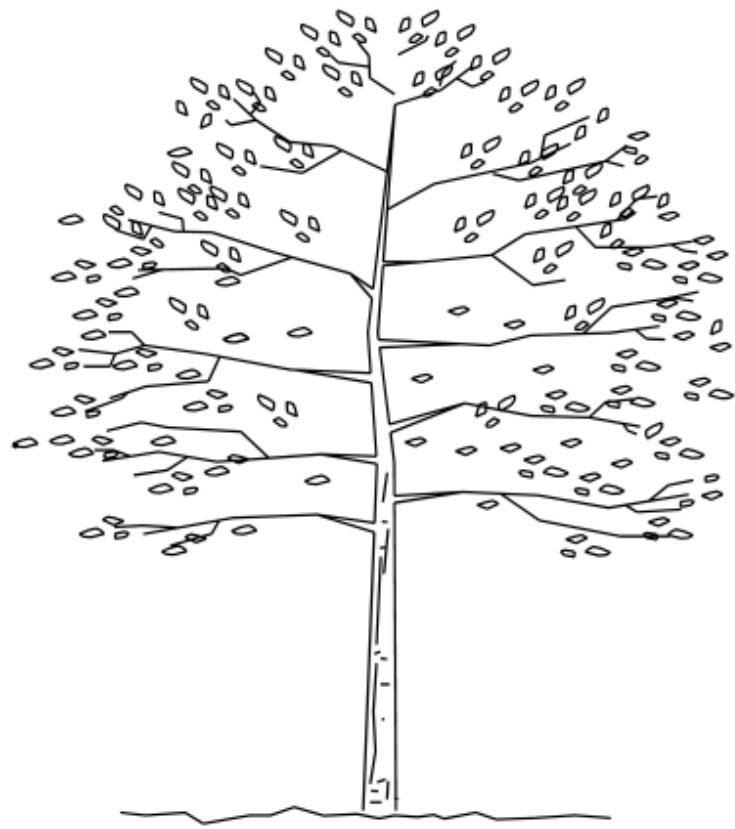
- Formalize the structure and organization of the ATC.
- Recognize the long-term perspective and focus of the Committee's activities.
- Reflect the proven commitment of the ATC to the future maintenance and growth of the Town's tree infrastructure.
- Motion details provided in the Select Board's "Report to 2026 Annual Town Meeting," dated April 27, 2026.

Article 14

Goal

- Resounding approval of the Town Meeting!
- Reminder to our engaged Arlington legislators of our successful ongoing and developing tree canopy-focused Programs.
- Continue to be a recognized, go-to resource on Town tree issues.

Thanks for your time!



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