

Protect Newton Trees

2025 Candidate Questionnaire



*Properly sited trees block winter winds and provide shade from summer sun, reducing energy use for both heating and cooling, thus saving families money and reducing carbon emissions. (For example, when the City of Worcester cut down about 30,000 trees because of the Asian Longhorned Beetle, temperatures on tree-bare streets increased nearly 10 degrees F and increased the average family's cooling costs.) **Newton needs a strong ordinance to preserve trees, especially in our environmental justice neighborhoods and wherever there are heat islands from lack of trees.***

Candidates were asked to rate their response to the statement above using this scale:

Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Agree

* = Incumbent candidates running for reelection in their current position

Candidates for Mayor (elected City-wide)

Albert Cecchinelli: 4 = Agree

Marc Laredo: 5 = Strongly Agree

Candidates for At-Large Councilors (elected City-wide, 2 per Ward)

1. *Alison Leary: no response
*John Oliver: no response
2. *Susan Albright: no response
*Tarik Lucas: 5 = Strongly Agree
3. *Andrea Kelley: 5 = Strongly Agree
*Pam Wright: 5 = Strongly Agree
4. John Chaimanis: 5 = Strongly Agree
Cyrus Dahumubed: 5 = Strongly Agree
*Josh Krintzman: no response
5. *Rena Getz: 5 = Strongly Agree
Brittany Hume Charm: 4 = Agree
6. Lisa Gordon: 5 = Strongly Agree
Ted Gross: no response

Sean Roche: 4 = Agree

7. Brian Golden: no response

*Becky Grossman: no response

8. *David Kalis: 5 = Strongly Agree

Jacob Silber: 5 = Strongly Agree

Candidates for Ward Councilors (elected by Ward, 1 per Ward)

1. *Maria Scibelli Greenberg: 5 = Strongly Agree

Jonathan Kazakoff-Eigen: no response

2. *David Micley: no response

3. *Julia Malakie: 5 = Strongly Agree

4. *Randy Block: 5 = Strongly Agree

5. Julie Irish: 5 = Strongly Agree

Garry Miller: 5 = Strongly Agree

6. *Martha Bixby: no response

7. *Lisle Baker: no response

8. *Stephen Farrell: 5 = Strongly Agree