

Protect Newton Trees

2025 Candidate Questionnaire



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The tree canopy and biodiversity are both important. All mature trees provide significant climate benefits, so the Newton Tree Preservation Ordinance should continue to avoid any blanket exemption for invasive species but allow for weighing the harm versus benefit of removing non-native trees in a specific permit location.

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: 3 = Neutral

Marc Laredo: 4 = 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: 2 = Disagree
*Pam Wright: 5 = Strongly Agree
4. John Chaimanis: 5 = Strongly Agree
Cyrus Dahumubed: 4 = Agree
*Josh Krintzman: no response
5. *Rena Getz: 5 = Strongly Agree
Brittany Hume Charm: 3 = Neutral
6. Lisa Gordon: 5 = Strongly Agree
Ted Gross: no response
Sean Roche: 3 = Neutral
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: 4 = 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: 4 = Agree
6. *Martha Bixby: no response
7. *Lisle Baker: no response
8. *Stephen Farrell: 5 = Strongly Agree