

2/14/2022

Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee 17 February 2022 Agenda

*Welcome to new committee member Sara Mignano

*Approval of the January 27, 2022 Minutes (Attachment 1)

*Comments from Residents (Please limit in-person comments to 3 minutes)

*Correspondence

130 Beach Renewed Question regarding ANSII standards, also posting of Tree Law to VOM website (Attachment 2)

*Old Business

Trees For Maintenance, Removal, or Evaluation – Updates from Village Manager

Please provide street numbers when reporting tree-related issues

- 1523 Henry, what enforcement action has been taken regarding removal of protected trees 11/16/2021, 12/2/2021, and 12/4/2021 **All trees were under 8" according to what I am told. Should not be an enforcement issue.**
- 749 Blecker regarding possible pruning on tree marked for removal update (see Dec. minutes & agenda, attachment 8) **Yes. I was planning to do a ISA assessment of the trees along Blecker in the right of way we share with West Day School. However I just got back to work from COVID. I'll do that assessment this week.**

Tree Law

Planning Board revision sent to BOT

Hotline needed for reporting violations (Attachment 3)

- Dennis Drogan attendance & comments

1010 Orienta Update from Planning Board (Attachment 4)

Rye Neck Action Research Students' survey

Survey draft in process, will receive VOM review before final VOM will circulate to its mailing list of residents following review

Enforcement Action:

990 The Parkway tree topped (Attachment 5)

Old Oak Removed at Rose & Fourth correspondence (Attachment 6)

510 Courtland violations issues (Attachment 7)

New Trees

Reduced Fall list of 36 trees planned for early spring

- Site review planned with Jeff Ahne Monday, February 21

BOT "Tree Scholarships" plan has been referred to NYS Attorney General for opinion

Tree Inventory

Update from Village Manager, MHS intern anticipated in March

Spring Tree Walk

- Return to Florence Park to observe seasonal changes in trees
- Date?

Tree Damage Caused by ConEd Pruning update

- Photograph (Marlene) (*Attachment 8*) Counseling center, what is address?
Who is building file of images?
- Matt

*New Business

Budget request to BOT for pruning mature trees \$60,000/annum

Financial effects of planting trees around private residences (Matt)

Committee for the Environment pollinator project, trees to be planted along the waterways & responses (*Attachment 9*)

Tree Tags for New Trees (*Attachments 10.11*)

Trees For America Brochure, Arbor Day Foundation (*Attachment 12*)

Arbor Day will be Friday, April 29, 2022

VOM Observations?

The Importance of Trees link (thank you Marlene)

<file:///Users/beverleysherrid/Downloads/Importance-of-Trees-Lesson-Plan-ForestNation.pdf>

Concise and clear major points

Possible Joint book discussion on *Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures*

*Other Business (*committee members please add any items not otherwise included in the agenda*)

*Calendar Notes

Next meeting March -- 2022, 7:30 pm (before March 16?)

Arbor Day -- Friday, April 29, 2022

JANUARY 27, 2022 MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON JANUARY 27TH AT 7:30PM

PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, trustee
Gail Koller, co-chair
Beverley Sherrid, co-chair
Marlene Star
Ellen Axelrod
Matt Tollefsen

By invitation: Mary Schaub

1. Call to Order: 7:36PM
2. Approval of December Minutes – Approved as amended

Comments from Resident – Mary Schaub attended. Minutes of meetings are available on website. Mary is an advocate for the new tree law and is interested in the ways the information will be communicated to the community. She has inquired about the replanting enforcement for 1523 Henry Street.

3. **Correspondence:**

130 Beach Street – Concerned about the trees that will be planted on 1010 Orienta Avenue. There was a Planning Board Meeting regarding the re-plantings of trees and it is detailed below under Old Business – 5h.

Jefferson Ave – Concerns was raised regarding the Army Corps of Engineers plans for flood control. All of the trees in Columbus Park

are planned to be removed and all of the trees lining the riverbank of the project are planned to be removed

4. Old Business:

- a. 749 Bleeker – Need to follow up on if tree was pruned or removed.
- b. Rye Neck Social Action Research – Students doing research on how to raise community awareness on the value of trees. An eblast survey will be distributed and results will be analyzed. The results will guide in creating a tree friendly/tree supporting community.
- c. New Tree Law Enforcement – Jerry is working on this. 1523 Henry violations were mentioned. Residents raised a question of reporting potential violations anonymously.
- d. BROW Plans – BROW is “Beyond the Right of Way”. Request owner’s permission to plant on private property where street trees are not possible. Suggestion of tree scholarships was mentioned. A draft letter was presented for Trustees to send property owners receiving tree scholarships and their responsibility regarding the proper care of trees planted. It was suggested to include a brochure indicating benefits of trees to environment and potential cost savings for recipients. Marlene will research existing brochure.
- e. Tree Inventory – Follow up with Jerry.
- f. New Trees –The Tree Committee has an updated list of recommended species, locations (street vs park), salt tolerance and other important considerations. Trees will be heavily native types. Bare root trees may be better in the long run even though they start out smaller. In addition, mulch rings would protect the trees from trimmers cutting the bark.
- g. Tree Law –
 - i. Suggested changes to the new law were made by the Planning Board. Changes will be sent to BOT first with a narrative (Beverley will prepare this). Village attorney will make the approved changes.
 - ii. A tree bank was requested by the Planning Board. It will not be considered an “out” for adhering to the law but as a Planning Board option if necessary.

- iii. The most recent Village News included links to the Tree Law FAQs, the Tree Law and the Application for permit.
 - iv. Marlene suggested we educate the pruning companies so they can advise property owners on what requires a permit.
 - v. Request for a tree hotline was mentioned for reporting violations
- h. Planning Board Review of 1010 Orienta Ave Plant Selections - There was a distinct code violation at the property. VOM needs to follow up on culpability and consequences for the clear cutting of all vegetation. The replacement of the tree canopy and the number and types of trees to be planted was discussed. A Zoom public hearing will be set up after the 1010 Orienta applicant provides detailed plan.
- i. Tree Removal due to Con Ed Pruning – Matt is collecting data on this subject. Asking Con Ed for a cost comparison of burying lines versus getting crews up here after major storms was suggested. Marlene will take pictures of damaged trees in order to help build a case.
- j. Winter Tree Walk – Occurred on 1/23/22 at 1PM. 40 people attended. It was a cold but beautiful day. Two naturalists led due to the large number registered for the event. It was suggested that we plan for two groups going forward so we do not turn anyone away who is interested.

5. New Business:

- a. Matt shared some vital information regarding the positive financial impact of having trees 1. Increase in home value 7-15% 2. Reduction in crime rates, and 3. Reduction in energy costs. Deciduous Trees on the south side provide shade in the summer lowering cooling costs and allow sunlight in the winter lowering heat costs. Evergreen trees planted on the northeast side block wind in the winter and lower heating costs.
- b. VOM has assigned Village email addresses to all volunteers. Going forward all correspondence needs to be through this OUTLOOK portal. Existing email addresses can be copied and pasted in.
- c. Gail recommended free on-line Urban Forestry Forum sponsored by Yale. It is every Thursday morning at 11:30AM from Feb 3rd until April 21st.

d. Gail suggested a garden walk for the community that highlights local landscaping in the VOM.

6. Next meeting Thursday, February 17th, 2022 at 7:30PM

7. ADJOURNED 9:11 PM

Attachment 2
130 Beach Renewed Question regarding ANSI Standards,
Posting of Tree Law to VOM Website

Dear Chairs and Members of the Tree Committee,

I provided a digital copy of the ANSI 300 Standards to the Village over a month ago, I still do not see it uploaded to the website.

Additionally, I do not see that the new Chapter 318 is available on the website. If the Village expects property owners to comply with laws and regulations they should be available.

Sincerely,

Stuart Tiekert

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Per VOM:

From: Sally Roberts <sroberts@vomny.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Nora Lucas <nluucas@vomny.org>; Sherrid, Beverly <BSherrid@vomny.net>; Robert Ingenito <ringenito@vomny.org>
Cc: Koller, Gail <GKoller@vomny.net>; Agostino Fusco <afusco@vomny.org>
Subject: RE: posting the tree law on the website

It is online under New Laws to the left on the General Code page. General Code only updates the main area twice a year. I can confirm with them when that will be.

Attachment 3 – Hotline for Tree Law Violations

From: Star, Marlene <MStar@vomny.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:40 PM
To: TreeCom <TreeCom@vomny.org>; Nora Lucas <nluucas@vomny.org>
Cc: Dennis Drogan <ddrogan@vomny.org>
Subject: Hotline for tree ordinance violations

Hi all,

Dennis Duggan, cc'd here, is in favor of the idea of establishing a phone hotline so that citizens can alert the building inspector or law enforcement about potential violations as quickly as possible. He would like to attend our next meeting to discuss the idea. In the meantime, if any members of the committee see any potential violations, Dennis would like us to call his cell at 914/330-6753.

Thanks,

Marlene Star

Attachment 4 – 1010 Orienta Update from Planning Board

From: Savolt, Kathleen <KSavolt@vomny.net>

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 5:16 PM

To: Mayor and Board <MayorandBoard@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Frank Tivolacci <ftivolacci@vomny.org>; Daniel Sarnoff <dsarnoff@vomny.org>

Cc: PlanningBoard <PlanningBoard@vomny.org>; Sherrid, Beverly <BSherid@vomny.net>

Subject: 1010 Orienta Avenue - For your information and follow up

Good afternoon all. I just wanted to let you know what's happened with the application for site plan submitted for 1010 Orienta Avenue. Since there is a lot of public interest in the application, it behooves me to let you know of the Planning Board's latest action. Plus, the issue of enforcement of the illegal cutting of the trees should be addressed.

As you may know, a person claiming to be the owner of 1010 Orienta filed the applications to build a new home on the now cleared lot. (According to the official records, he is not the property owner but that is a separate issue.) They appeared at the 12/22/21 PB meeting when follow-up documentation was requested, and the applicants were informed that their proposed landscape plan (21 small trees) was inadequate.

They submitted additional material for the 2/9/22 meeting which did not address the PB's questions and concerns. After review of their latest submission and subsequent discussion, our Planning Consultant and Land Use Attorney determined that because the Village Code requires a site plan review to clear more than 25% of a lot, and the applicant and/or owner did not pursue said review or receive any approvals, this current application must be based on the conditions of the lot prior to the tree cutting. Furthermore, the applicant is subject to the new Village Tree Law and will be required to replace the trees in accordance with the schedule therein.

This was communicated to the applicant's representatives about a week ago and the AKRF memo to the PB is posted on the Village website for public access.

The PB urges the Village to pursue action against the illegal removal of the trees. The current owner of record is DeKalb Construction and we have asked the applicant to clarify who owns the property and who removed the trees. I have also spoken to both Dan Sarnoff and Frank Tivolacci about this matter, and they are aware of the details of this application.

We'll keep you posted if we receive additional information that is relevant to the tree removal and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Kathleen Savolt
Chair, Planning Board



Attachment 6 – Old Oak Removed at Rose & Fourth

Old Oak Removed at Rose and Fourth
MS Mary-Elizabeth Schaub <mary.elizabeth.schaub@gmail.com>
Fri 2/11/2022 9:52 AM
To: Frank Tavalacci
Cc: Sherrid, Beverly; TreeCom; Jerry Barberio;
Dennis Drogan
Dear All,

Thank you for following up and letting me know.

Mary Schaub

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Thank you!
Beverley

From: Frank Tavalacci <ftavalacci@vomny.org>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 8:23 AM
To: Sherrid, Beverly <BSherrid@vomny.net>
Cc: mary.elizabeth.schaub@gmail.com <mary.elizabeth.schaub@gmail.com>; TreeCom <TreeCom@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Dennis Drogan <ddrogan@vomny.org>
Subject: Re: Old Oak Removed at Rose and Fourth

Sherrid. I will stop at this site on my way into work this morning to look at this tree. Besides myself there will be a follow up by Dennis our assistant inspector. This should serve to magnify our need for additional code enforcement in our department. This is just one example of many more to come. FT

On Fri, Feb 11, 2022 at 8:50 AM Frank Tavalacci <ftavalacci@vomny.org> wrote:

Sherrid. So once again when I arrived at that site this morning the tree was 85% down on the ground. Our only recourse at this point is to follow up with fines or whatever is appropriate. Thanks
Regards. FT

On Feb 11, 2022, at 8:31 AM, Sherrid, Beverly <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:

Do you know whether this tree is a protected one (8"+) and if so, whether the property owners have a permit to remove it? If not, would you have it inspected for possible violation before they have a chance to remove the stump, please?

Thank you.

Beverley Sherrid

From: Mary-Elizabeth Schaub <mary.elizabeth.schaub@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 6:46 PM

To: TreeCom <TreeCom@vomny.org>

Subject: Old Oak Removed at Rose and Fourth

Hello members of the tree committee,

There was an old oak of a significant size on the corner of Fourth St and Rose Lane that is in the process of being removed.

It was a street tree. Wondering if it was diseased or at the end of its life or something else.

Thanks so much!

Thank you too for the warm welcome at the last meeting. I enjoyed it.

My best
Mary Schaub



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Docket #: 22-1005

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MAMARONECK, NY 10543

Date of Court Appearance 9:30 AM on 4/5/2022

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People **Defendant**

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Cutting down two large pine tree's. 80 ft tall and more then 12 in round.

In violation of:

The foregoing is based upon information contained in the files of the Building Department of the Village of Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Dennis Drogan

Issued Wednesday, February 2, 2022

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Attachment 9 -- Committee for the Environment
Proposal to Plant Trees Along River Banks

On Feb 14, 2022, at 1:04 PM, ELLEN SILVER <silver805@verizon.net> wrote:

Hi Beverley,

One of our committee members, Mandy, sent the email below with a link for an application for free trees and course I thought of you!

The CFTE is currently working on a grant application to create pollinator habitats throughout the Village along the river banks and other Village owned open space areas. The application requires planting along the bank of a river, creek or stream so this would fit nicely with what we are planning. We would be happy to work with the tree committee on this part of our proposed project. Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks

Ellen

From: **Beverley Sherrid** <bsherrid@optonline.net>

Date: Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 5:11 PM

Subject: Re: Free trees for VOM + Call for quotes

To: ELLEN SILVER <silver805@verizon.net>

Cc: Mandy Forlenza Sticos <mandyforlenza@gmail.com>, Gail Koller <gail.koller18@gmail.com>

Hi Ellen,

I think this is a great idea and will add it to the agenda for our meeting this Thursday.

How do you envision it? Would the VOM plant the trees or would volunteers? Normally our committee doesn't do the planting, but this project might make a good community / school / volunteer effort, if the VOM agrees to it. If the trees are very small, they will need protection from deer for the first years. Willows, several types of oaks, and river birch are all excellent for river banks, but would be deer targets for a while.

My chief concern is how this project will fold in with the ACE flood mitigation project. As you know, I met with Tony Gelber and Kate Dehais (CFTE) about a week ago to talk about adding environmental approaches into the project. I know it fits with the current Army Corps thinking but Tony said his committee has not had a chance to talk to the mayor and trustees yet. It would be very discouraging to mount a large planting project, only to have it dug up or cemented over.

We do have a fair number of streams in VOM that would be good locations for new trees, but we should have some clarification before taking on the river banks.

Really good idea!

Beverley

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Hi all,

I'm moving this conversation to our vomny.net email.

I love this project and I've actually suggested pursuing it back in spring 2021, I think. Mandy, have you shared this idea with the trustees and mayor? It's important to have their support.

Best,
Gail

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Hi Beverly,

To address your questions, the VoM may plant trees but we envision a big volunteer effort as well. I have spoken to Jerry about this project and he felt it was simpatico with the ACE project. However, I completely agree that this should be fully vetted before we do any plantings.

We are submitting the LOI for the grant this week and will hear next month if we are invited to apply. If we apply we hear at the end of April if we get the grant money. We will keep you posted along the way. Either way though, it seems worthwhile to pursue these free trees.

Best,
Ellen

I'M YOUR NEW TREE

TREE SPECIES

To learn more about your tree planting
and tree care, visit milliontreesnyc.org,
scan the code below or call 311.



NYC Parks

milliontrees**NYC**

YOU CAN HELP BY

- Watering your tree with 15 to 20 gallons once a week between May and October
- Removing weeds, litter and dog waste from the tree bed
- Maintaining 3 inches of shredded bark mulch in the tree bed

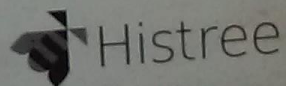
NYC Parks contractors will maintain this tree for the first two years after planting.

The code to the right is for their use.



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Attachment 12 -- Trees For America Brochure, Arbor Day Foundation

From: **Marlene Star** <marlenedstar@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 8:09 PM

Subject: Trees for America Brochure. Arbor Day Foundation - Buy trees, rain forest friendly coffee, greeting cards that plant trees, memorials and celebrations with trees, and more.

To: <mstar18@optonline.net>

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<https://shop.arborday.org/trees-for-america-brochure-2>

Maintenance Pruning Proposal

The Tree Committee respectfully asks the Board of Trustees to create a new budget item for a Maintenance Pruning Program for mature Village trees.

We seek **\$60,000 annually**, which would allow systematic pruning of approximately 67-100 trees per year. This number is based on the Village Manager's estimate that maintenance pruning, i.e. for health and structure, safety, and to lift the canopy, costs \$600-\$900 per tree:

- Health and structure pruning would remove dead or damaged branches that make a tree more susceptible to disease. It would remove branches growing in awkward positions. It would lighten the canopy so a tree would offer less wind resistance during storms.
- Safety would improve by removing dead branches that might drop on pedestrians. While this is extremely rare, it is a concern often cited by residents as a reason not to have trees.
- Lifting the canopy would prevent line-of-sight obstruction by a tree's lower limbs. It would remove branches that interfere with street or sidewalk traffic.

The Committee anticipates that the first years of this program might largely address trees requiring immediate attention. Our long-term goal is to divide the Village into zones and prune all the trees with maintenance needs within each zone according to a rotating schedule.