## Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee February 7, 2024 Agenda

\*Approval of the January 3, 2024 Minutes (Attachment 1)

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

## \*Correspondence

- 130 Beach, Resident's Hopes for 2024 (Attachment 2)

## \*Old Business

<u>VOM Inspection for Maintenance or Removal Please provide street numbers when reporting tree-related issues</u>

- VOM trees for inspection <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lg-QtdV6So5hl4XDm4Usf8jghZXhA-</u> 9ZIYpvSaxYjVU/edit
- Shore Acres Drive Bird Sanctuary trees pruned or removed for safety; 5 trees of heaven removed

#### New Trees

- Spring list in formation
- Bishop St trees will be planted in the Spring due to VOM construction needs
- Free tree flyer not ready in time for spring planting
  - o Flyer will be distributed as soon as available, trees will be offered for fall planting

## Tree Law

- Response of Village Judges to letters from Tree Committee regarding tree law fines and replanting requirement (Attachment 3)
- Appeals of Clearcutting Fines at 859 Mamaroneck Ave & 951 E. Boston Post Road (Attachment 4)
- Report tree removals
  - o Business hours, Building Dept (914) 777-7731
  - o After hours & weekends, Police (914) 777-1122

## Heritage Trees

- Chris Hillyer update
  - o Correspondence about Heritage Tree Program concept (Attachment 5)
  - o DRAFT outline of Heritage Tree Program concept (Attachment 6)
- Letter to BOT recommending pruning for Tompkins Farm Oak

## \*New Business

Follow Up Procedure for Replanting Requirements (Attachment 7)

## 417 N. Barry appeal of permit application (Attachments 8 & 9)

Are there state grants available for sidewalk replacements in underserved neighborhoods?

## Program ideas

- Possible children's tree programs / library programs

## \*Other Business

## \*Calendar Notes

- Next meeting Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 pm
- Spring tree walk, May 5, 1:00 pm, Otter Creek Preserve, Taylor Lane entrance
- Fall tree walk, October 27, 1:00 pm, location TBA

# Attachment 1 Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee DRAFT 3 January 2024 Minutes

## The meeting was convened at 7:40 p.m.

\*Present – Beverley Sherrid, Leilani Yizar-Reid, Lilia Ramos-Dries, Sara Mignano, Michelle Goodman, Marlene Star

\*Approval of January 3, 2023 Minutes VOTE approved

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

None present

## \*Correspondence Review

None received

## \*Old Business

## **VOM Trees for Inspection**

- Lilia Ramos-Dries presented google doc for access by all committee members

## New Trees

- Fall planting discussed

Structural soil under paving discussed

## \*New Business

Tree Committee logo presented by Trustee Liaison, accepted by committee with thanks

## New programing

- Committee to consider possible children's tree programs

## \*Other Business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m

## Attachment 2 130 Beach, Resident's Hopes for 2024

Dear Chair and Members of the Tree Committee,

I am writing to share with you my hopes for Tree Committee (TC) initiatives for 2024

- In order to protect trees from indiscriminate removal, establish and follow a process that will
  ensure that the TC meets it's responsibility under the Tree Law to "Review any proposal by
  the Village Manager or the Village Manager's designee to remove a tree on public
  property."
- To conserve funds for tree maintenance, advise the BOT that, prior to orders of removal, measurements of the diameter of trees should be taken by staff and included in the required Purchase Order provided to the Village's tree maintenance contractor.
- 3. To properly manage our urban forest advise the BOT that a <u>comprehensive inventory</u> of Village trees and and system for maintaining it be undertaken.
- 4. Initiate and complete the creation of the list of significant trees as required by the Village's Tree Law.
- 5. As our tree law requires, "Study, investigate, review, develop and/or update annually and administer a written plan, presented annually to the Board of Trustees, for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas, with an estimate of the costs" to submit for this years budget.
- 6. Either revise or comply with the "Guidelines for Planting Street and Park Trees" on your webpage.

Sincerely,

#### Stuart Tiekert

---- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** "donotreply@destinyhosted.com" <donotreply@destinyhosted.com>

To: "tiekerts@yahoo.com" <tiekerts@yahoo.com>; "foil@vomny.org" <foil@vomny.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 09:33:04 AM EST **Subject:** Public Records Notification for Request #7504

The following is in response to your request, #7504 received on December 18, 2023: Please consider this a FOIL request for following records related to the 12/8/23: All Almstead Tree invoices

#### PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance. Sincerely,

Agostino A. Fusco Clerk-Treasurer Village of Mamaroneck

## **VILLAGE COURT**

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## MAMARONECK

JUDGES Judge Daniel J. Gallagher Judge Christie L. Derrico Village Hall
Post Office Box 369
169 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Mamaroneck, N.Y. 10543
Telephone: 914-777-7710
Fax: 914-777-7758

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Beverly Sherrid Chairman, VOM Tree Committee 625 The Parkway Mamaroneck, NY 10543

January 10, 2024

Dear Ms. Sherrid:

We have received several letters from you over the past year expressing opinions regarding the enforcement of the Village's tree ordinance.

We understand that you feel strongly about the tree law. We have not previously responded to your letters because it is ethically improper for the judges to engage in communications with you regarding cases that are pending or contemplated to come before us. We contact you now to make you aware of this. If you have concerns about VOM's enforcement of the village code in the future, we suggest you direct related communications to the village manager's office or the building department rather than the Court.

Very truly yours,

Judge Daniel J. Gallagher

Judge Christie Derrico

## Attachment 4 Appeals for Clearcutting Fines at 859 Mamaroneck Ave & 951 E. Boston Post Road

Hi Carolina,

What was the outcomes of the appeals of the fines for clearcutting lots at 859 Mamaroneck Ave and 951 E. Boston Post Road? I believe both owners were scheduled to appear in Village Court in January.

Thank you! Beverley Sherrid

# Attachment 5 Heritage Tree Program Correspondence

## Thank you Chris!

This is a clear and orderly beginning to an HTP. The Tree Committee is meeting next Weds. and I'm adding this to the agenda.

Before we send this over to the Trustees, I'm wondering if you've seen any specific nomination forms for designating a tree?

We need to divide nominations into two categories: VOM trees and trees on private property. The Village already has control over maintenance of its own trees, and is quite responsive when alerted. Compiling a formal list of VOM Heritage Trees would be a good way to put those trees on an inspection and maintenance schedule.

Private property trees would need either to be nominated by the owner, or nominated by someone else and signed off by the owner.

In both cases, the criteria you name should be listed on the form.

The question of whether a tree on private property might be protected from future property development is a fraught one, but it might ease the path to future discussion by introducing designations now. (Maybe a property tax credit would make owners more receptive? Suspect the trustees won't want to forego even a little revenue, but might be worth asking.)

A separate question is whether the Village would be willing to provide maintenance for qualified private trees.

Even if the Village doesn't want to make financial commitments, we might consider granting some sort of recognition to private heritage trees in the hope of encouraging interest among the owners and, even better, proper maintenance. Moreover, introducing the concept and creating the designation and a list might ease a path to future financial commitments by the Village.

Thanks again. As I told you before, this program is something that needs to happen but I just wasn't getting to it. You've made a big lift.

Beverley

From: Hillyer, Chris < CHillyer@nybc.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 1:43 PM
To: Beverley Sherrid < BSherrid@vomny.net>

Subject: VOM Heritage Tree Program v1 1-24-2024

Hi Beverly. I remain enthusiastic about a VOM Heritage Tree Program (HTP). I put together a very rudimentary "starting point" document (attached). It is overly simple, basic, and obvious, but I didn't want to go to the next level if there is really no likely support for such a program - meaning, a path to funding (as there would be [again, obviously] a lot of work in designing and defining an HTP; then identifying and mapping; and then managing and maintaining). I am happy to leave it in the "nice idea" stage or help move it to a more significant level with your direction. Thanks! Chris

# Attachment 6 DRAFT Village of Mamaroneck Heritage Tree Program 1-24-2024

## 1. What is a Heritage Tree (HT)?

Heritage trees are trees that are considered to be "important", typically because of their great size, notable longevity, unusual form, location at the extreme of their natural growing range, or association with history or historical events of importance in their location.<sup>1</sup>

#### 2. What is a Heritage Tree Program (HTP)?

A Heritage Tree Program seeks to define criteria for classifying a given tree as an HT, and then providing funding and oversight so that HTs can be identified, protected and preserved. An HTP can also serve educational and conservation roles within the community.

## 3. <u>Does the Village of Mamaroneck (VOM) have a HTP?</u>

At present, the VOM does not have a formal HTP though there is a list of HTs (dated 3-16-2022, numbering 10 trees), a few nominations, at least one report of assessment of a potential HT, and some recollection of certain trees being fertilized as part of a VOM HTP or HTP-like effort in the past 10 years.

## 4. What criteria can be used for defining HTs?

Criteria for designating trees as HTs vary but typically include the characteristics noted in #1 above.

Scarsdale, NY has an HTP; related regulations including criteria are pasted below<sup>2</sup>:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Fazio, "Saving our Heritage Trees", Arbor Day Foundation, 2012 <a href="https://www.arborday.org/trees/bulletins/coordinators/resources/pdfs/064.pdf">www.arborday.org/trees/bulletins/coordinators/resources/pdfs/064.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://ecode360.com/6439532

← Village of Scarsdale, NY / Part II, General Legislation / Trees, Grass, Brush and Weeds Article I Trees § 281-7 Heritage trees. Upon the written request and consent by any property owner, the Board of Architectural Review may designate a tree as a "heritage tree." B. A tree may be designated as a heritage tree upon a finding that it is unique and of importance to the community. The following factors may be considered by the Board of Architectural Review when considering designating a heritage tree: (1) It is an outstanding specimen of a desirable species. (2) It is one of the largest or oldest trees in Scarsdale. (3) It possesses distinctive form, size, age, location, and/or historical significance. C. After Board of Architectural Review approval of a heritage tree designation, the Village Engineer shall notify the property owner(s) in writing. A listing of trees so designated, including the specific locations thereof, shall be kept by the building department. D. Once designated, a heritage tree shall be subject to the provisions of this article unless removed from the list of heritage trees by action of the Board of Architectural Review. At its discretion the Board of Architectural Review may remove a tree from the list upon written request by the property owner.

The VOM would need/want to consider if any tree could potentially become designated as an HT or only those on Village property.

5. What would a VOM HTP entail after adopting methods for selection and designation of HTs?

Ideally, a VOM HTP would adopt and fund maintenance of HTs which could/would include: identifying and mitigating soil compaction; removal of dead branches and special pruning needs; competition and control of understory shrubs or grass; insect, pest and disease treatment; fertilization; and lightening protection/repair. The HTP might also have processes to ensure that protection of HTs is taken into consideration during building and construction planning.

## Attachment 7 Follow Up Procedure for Replanting Requirements

Hi Jerry,
Has the Village been following up on the replanting requirements for trees that have been taken down? We should have a formal procedure in place before you leave.
Beverley

We do not have anything formal. I have been doing it while I am out doing current tree permits. I basically spot check when I am on the same street or section of the Village. So far, I have seen new trees when I am out there.

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The TC should discuss and recommend a formal process for the new arborist the Village hires so it can be included in the RFP that will need to go out. Dan is copied because he will most likely write that RFP.

Thanks

"It always seems impossible until it's done." ~ Nelson Mandala

**Jerry Barberio** 

Village Manager

Date: 11/29/2023

To: Village of Mamaroneck

I write to appeal the denial of our tree removal permit regarding 417 N Barry Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY. The tree is located between a multi-family home and a YAI home, National Institute for People with Disabilities. The tree has been deemed unsafe by three arborists, which makes the homeowner and residents uncomfortable. We have supporting documents attached with notes and pictures.

This has been an ongoing debate since 6/21/2023 with the Village of Mamaroneck, whom believe that the tree is safe and denied removal. We have an email thread with the village since the summer and nothing has been resolved. We hired two additional arborists to assess the integrity of the tree since we were told there is no proper appeal process.

Regards,

Matthew and Michelle DiSilvestre, owners of 417 N Barry Avenue





## APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

For activities in accordance with Village Code- Chapter 318

As per Village Code §318 a property owner may remove a tree on non-public property as of right, provided that:

The tree is removed under an actual or ongoing emergency when such tree removal is necessary for the protection
and preservation of life or property, including adjoining parcels. The property owner shall give notice of said removal to the Village as
soon as practical.

Section: Block:Lot:	Application Date: 6-21-23
Property Owner: Name: Matt Disilveste	Address: 417 North Barry Ave
City: Manasoneck State: NY	Zip Code: 10543
Phone. 347-885-9827	Email: Mathew disilvestre @ gmail. com
Tree Contractor: Name: Every seen Arborists Addres	s: 327 Northrup Ave
City: Mamaroneck State: N.	Zip Code: 105 4 3
Phone: 914-698-0707 Email: Ea	sborists at acl, com
For activities that include proposed removal I tree(s) t	that straddle a property line, the signature from the
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Phone: 414-447-1390 Email: Ea	160(15/8 (A) AUT. 2014
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Is the proposed tree removal activity located within a freshwater wetla	nd-controlled area? Yes / No

Replacement trees shall be native to the northeast United States, of a genus and species expected to grow to maturity at a similar size to the removed tree. Trees known to be invasive species are excluded for use as replacement trees. Replacement trees shall be selected by the property owner from the Village's list of recommended native trees.

## APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL PERMIT—page 2

For activities in accordance with Village Code—Chapter 318

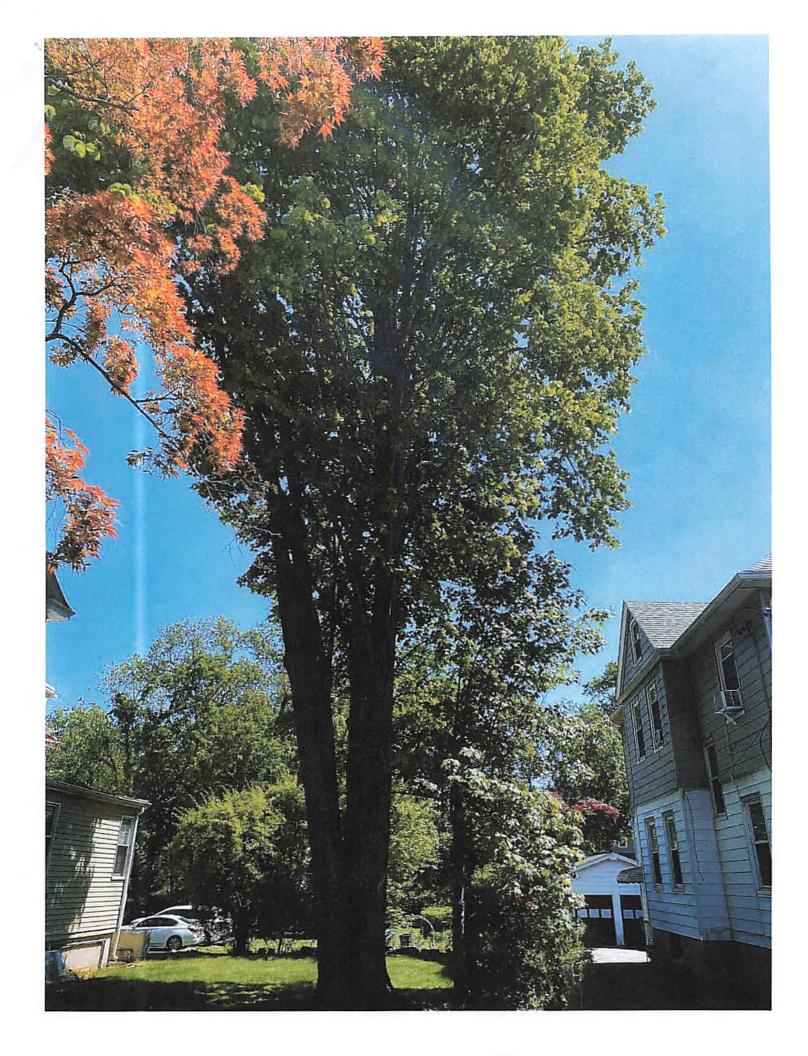
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8 inches or greater	One 2 to 2 ½ inch DBH tree	
For lots 14,500 sf and above:		
Under 8 inches	No replanting necessary	
8 to 12 inches	One 2 to 2 1/2 inch DBH tree	
13 to 25 inches	Two 2 to 2 1/2 inch DBH trees	
26 inches or greater	Three 2 to 2 ½ inch DBH trees	

## ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

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## Michal J. Nowak 914 629 0769 MNCVY99@AOL.COM ISA Arborist NY 5534-A

## **Tree Assessment Report**





Location:

Matthew DiSilvestre 417 North Barry Ave Mamaroneck, NY 10543

September 26, 2023

Tree 1: Linden Tree

Height: Approx. 70 Feet

Flare: Normal Limb Failure: Yes

Root Zone: Normal

Inspection Type: Visual

Crown: Approx. 50 feet Crown Growth: Typical

Cavities: No

Invasive Testing: No Target: House and yard

DBH: 30 Inches

Crown Health: 10% Decline

Trunk: Co Dominant Included Bark

Insects: No

#### CONDITION:

Linden Tree in the left side yard is a mature tree with a co dominant trunk that then splits again into another set of co dominant leaders. Tree has had a history of limb failures in the past. Crown of tree has been raised and as a result all the weight is on the upper half of the tree, placing a great deal of stress on the 2 lower crotches. There is a cable installed, but it will not protect the secondary crotch from failing, and may not be enough to resist failure in lower crotch. Main trunk has a very well defined line of included bark on both the front and rear of the tree. Secondary crotch also has a very well defined line of included bark. These crotches noted both have acute angles with are more prone to splitting. The tree being a linden tree, is fast growing and weaker wooded and more prone to damage.

Included bark in essence is a weak structural joint susceptible to rot, insect damage and pockets of water that further decay.

The leaders prone to failing are all in line with adjacent home, and damage would be severe. Home is occupied by a special needs person that cannot be relocated and would be adversely impacted should failure occur.

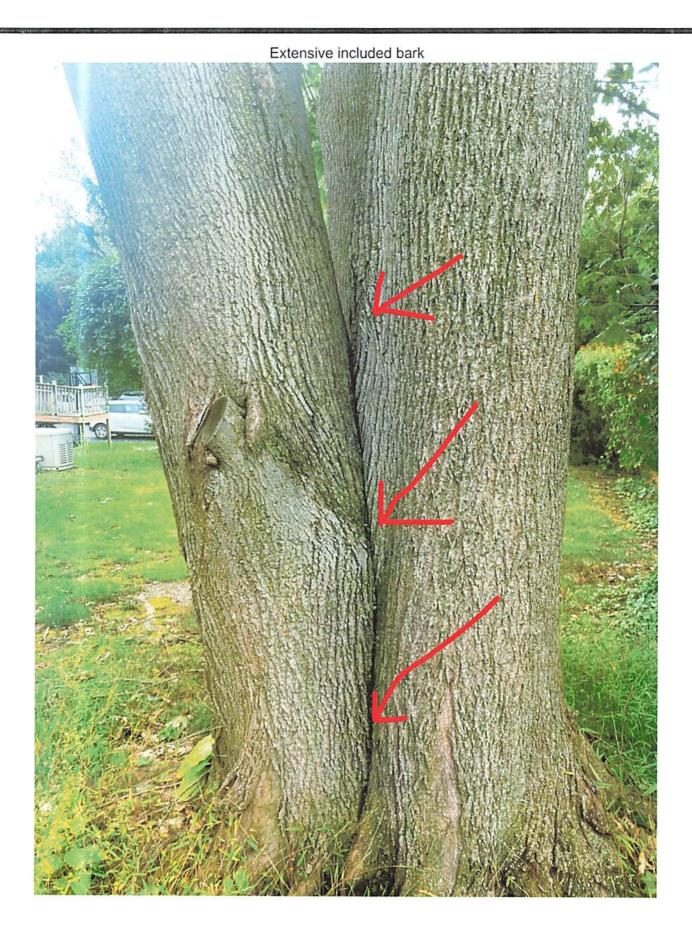
Arborist Recommendation: Remove Tree

Sincerely,

Michal J. Nowak

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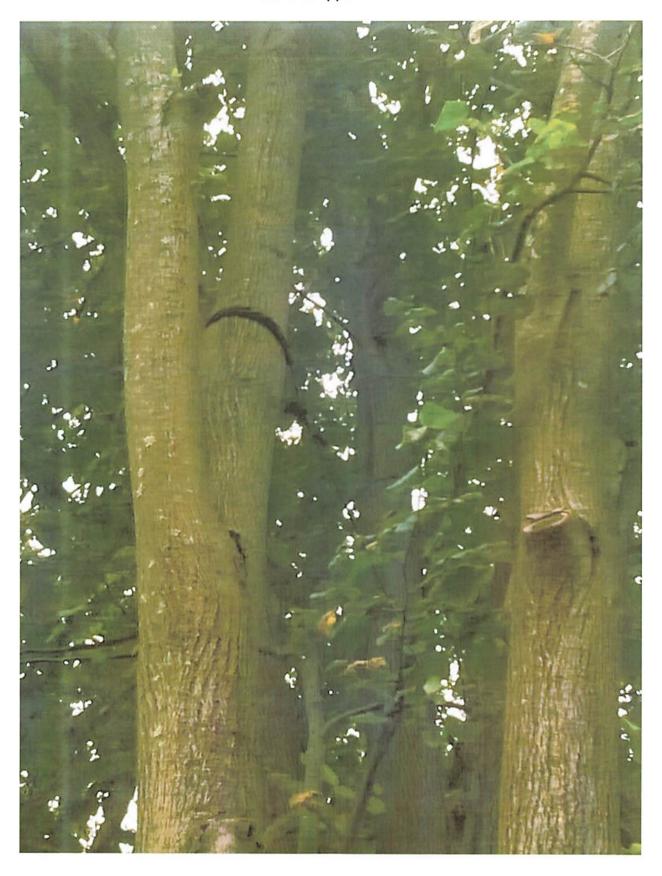




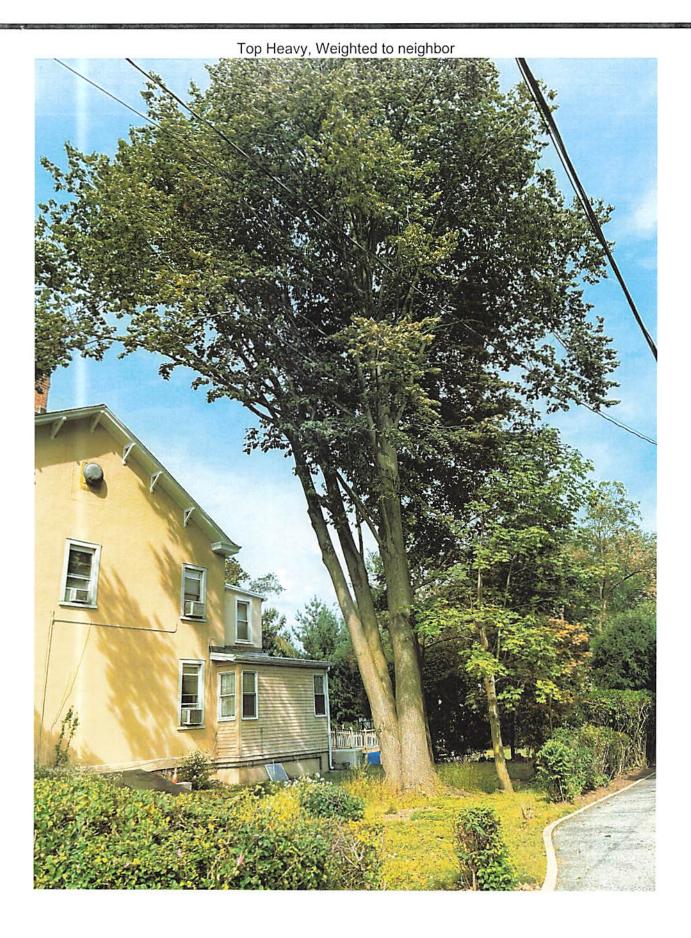


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## Cable in upper crown



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## Attachment 9 417 N. Barry Ave Appeal

Hi Jerry,

I stopped by 417 N. Barry to look at the tree they want to remove again. I remember accompanying you on your original inspection last summer.

The tree still seems vigorous, both crown and base, both as it looked today and according to the photos from last summer. I understand the concern, however, about the co-dominant stems, which extent all the way from the crotch to the ground. It looks to me like a potential weakness that might cause a major break sometime, given the strong wind that seems to be a routine part of our weather now. Given how large the tree is and how close it is to the houses, I'm thinking that there is a basis for worry.

I'd like your thoughts, but I think it may be appropriate to approve the permit.

## Two questions

- It looks as if the tree is actually on the property of <u>421 N. Barry</u>, the group home. All the informal boundary markers such as hedge lines, stone wall in the back, garden, suggest a property line. Is there a way to check survey? Or possibly both properties belong to the residents at 417.
- There is a third tree or stem clustered with the linden they want to remove. I don't know if it is part of the same root system bark looks similar but not identical. Will it be possible to remove the first tree without damaging the other one? It's not in as good shape because it grew up so crowded on one side, but it would be good to save it if possible. Photos attached

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Jerry Barberio

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I remember also and it was growing well when we inspected the tree.

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be on the line. Either way, we always get the adjacent property owners signature that they are aware of the application. This application, does NOT have the adjacent property owners signature so we can make that a condition of the approval.

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The root systems are co-mingles and certainly intertwined. Its all or nothing here I am sad to say because basal root will set in and cause future issues. .

I denied this tree removal 7 months ago. We have had some serious storms and major wind. That tree is stable, but a major break can happen anything. We should really rely on Mike Nowak's letter dated 9/26/23 for the TC's final decision.

Jerry Barberio
Village Manager