

4/25/2022

**Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee
28 April 2022 Agenda**

*Approval of the Amended January 27, 2022 and March 10, 2022 Minutes (Attachments 1 & 2, circulated separately)

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

*Correspondence

130 Stuart Ave Regarding Implicit Bias in Tree Canopy (Attachment 3)

702 Prospect Regarding New Tree Location (Attachment 4)

Read email string in reverse! (visit was pleasant and concluded with husband asking whether Tree Committee has volunteer opportunities for church youth group)

739 Bleecker Regarding 8 ROW trees marked for removal (Attachment 5)

*Old Business

Trees For Maintenance, Removal, or Evaluation (Attachment 6)

Please provide street numbers when reporting tree-related issues

412 Rushmore – young tree needs staking, straightening (Gail)

___ Stuart sidewalk repair with structural soil needed (Attachment 7) (*street number to come*)

Hotline for reporting tree law violations -- update

Rye Neck Action Research Students' survey

- Not enough responses for statistical analysis
- Presentation (Attachment 8)

Enforcement Action:

990 The Parkway tree topped, tree not yet inspected

1000 The Parkway tree topped, needs inspection for violation.

BROW and BOT "Tree Scholarships" have been referred to NYS Attorney General for opinion

- Spring trees for BROW have been postponed
- Status for Washingtonville BROW trees is unclear

VOM Tree Inventory

- Has relied on high school interns

Tree Damage Caused by ConEd Pruning update

- Research on effects of bad pruning

Tree Tags for New Trees

Tree Nursery land available?

*New Business

Tree Law revisions

- Planning Board recommendations are pending with BOT
- Clarification of §318-8 Removal of trees on private property, Section K Emergency Removals (Attachment 9)

Spring trees have been inspected (Attachment 10)

- delivery date not announced
- list has openings for 7 more tall sites (we have recommendations)

Fall trees

- BROW?
- Bub Walker Park to be considered
- Bishop across from Metro North line
- Plan to use bare root trees extensively but not exclusively
- Possible coordination of bare root orders with Village of Larchmont

Request to Plant Trees in ROW (Attachment 11) (photograph to come)

Heritage Tree List

- Need to prepare list plus nomination procedures
- 507 Revere Road recommendation (Attachment 12)

Financial effects of planting trees around private residences (Matt)

Arbor Day (tomorrow)

- Plan an “Arbor Day Observed” event such as planting a park tree

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

*Calendar Notes

Clean & Green Day – May 7

Tree Walk in Florence Park – May 15, rain date May 22

Next meeting May 26 -- 2022, 7:30 pm online

Arbor Day Observed

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.

VOTE: The committee voted unanimously to send the Planning Board changes to the Board of Trustees.

- 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

MARCH 10, 2022 MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON MARCH 10TH AT 7:30PM

PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, trustee
Gail Koller, co-chair
Beverley Sherrid, co-chair
Marlene Star
Ellen Axelrod
Sarah Mignano

1. Call to Order: 7:33PM
2. Approval of February Minutes – Approved
3. Welcomed new committee member Sarah Mignano
4. Visitors at the meeting included George Latimer, County Executive and Dennis Drogan, Asst Building Inspector

5. **Correspondence:**

205 Melbourne - A branch of a tree removed by VOM had grown around an overhead wire. A portion of the branch was left hanging from the wire and was in risk of falling. It could have caused major damage if it fell. TC was emailed by resident and Jerry Barberio contacted Verizon, which came and removed the branch. The tree was leaning and created a hazard for children at the neighboring nursery school, as well as for pedestrians.

130 Beach – Resident is questioning removal of the tree at 205 Melbourne.

Old Business:

- a. Across the street from 749 Bleeker ROW – Gail to follow-up with Jerry Barberio on assessment of tree marked for removal. Trying to save tree for the benefit of the ospreys.
- b. 1505 Harrison Ave. Application pending for removal of two protected trees.

- c. 1505 Stoneybrook Ave.– Resident requested removal of 12 trees. Request was denied.
- d. Rye Neck Social Action Research – Beverley reviewed the draft of survey for distribution. Once approved by the VOM, the survey will be emailed to residents.
- e. New Tree Law Enforcement – 990 The Parkway to be reviewed by Jerry. Tree was topped and severley pruned. Frank Tavalacci, VOM Building Inspector, confirmed ROW and a permit. 1037 Orienta – Tree removal application denied for protected trees. This helped to prevent clear cutting.
- f. New Trees – Order was placed for 36 trees to be planted in the fall.
- g. Tree Law – Awaiting approval of requested revisions by Board of Trustees.
- h. Tree Tags for New Trees – Gail is working on the sample.
- i. BOT Tree Scholarships – Awaiting approval from AG for BROW
- j. Tree Hotline – A uniform calling list is being established to report possible illegal removals. In the meantime, Dennis Drogan offered his numbers for emergency calls regarding cutting and pruning. His numbers are (914) 777-7731 (office) and (914) 330-6753 (cell).
- k. Tree Damage by Con Ed – Strategy and filing of damage is being organized. George Latimer offered assistance on dealing with Utility Companies.

6. New Business:

- a. “Tree Donuts” watering system test planned – Donuts collect rain water when available and helps water the trees thereafter. It reduces labor and fuels cots. Protects younger tress from tree damage.
- b. 314 Carroll, Relocation of WJWW equipment - DPW General Foreman Mark Ferraro met with WJWW and they were able to install equipment without harming the tree roots.
- c. Financial Effects of Planting Trees Around Private Residences - Matt is working on this.
- d. Possible Joint Book Discussion – Working on selecting the right book and partnering with Mamaroneck Library.
- e. TC Committee Field Trip – Nora is checking to see if The TC can do a field trip. Gail volunteered to guide a tour at Sheldrake Environmental Center. Bub Walker Park by I-95 was mentioned as well.

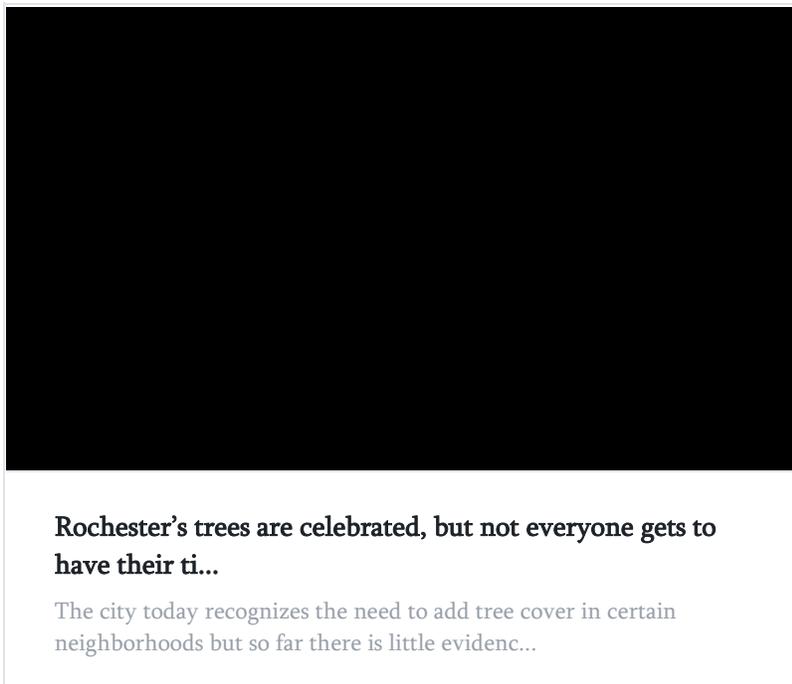
- f. Village Nursery – Nora mentioned a foster program for residents to take care of trees in the community.
7. Calendar Notes
- a. Next meeting Thursday, April 28th, 2022 at 7:30PM
 - b. Tree walk scheduled – Florence Park at 1PM on May 1st, rain date May 22nd.
 - c. Clean Day & Green Day - May7th at 9:30AM
8. ADJOURNED – 9:45 PM

Attachment –
130 Stuart Ave Regarding Implicit Bias in Tree Canopy

Dear Chairs and Members of the Tree Committee,

I am again writing to encourage the Tree Committee to be pro-active in ending the implicit bias in Village Tree planting. I hope that this year a substantial portion of the tree planting budget will be utilized for trees in historically underserved neighborhoods. Below is another article about this widespread problem.

[Rochester's trees are celebrated, but not everyone gets to have their time in the shade](#)



Additionally, I urge the TC to revisit the Village's recommended tree list. The latest revision that was done without BOT review and approval, and in my opinion, has resulted in a number of questionable deletions from the BOT approved list as well as some questionable additions.

Additions:

Juglan cinerea, a tree that has numerous problems as a street trees. It's been devastated by butternut canker disease, as well as a plethora insect pests such as bark beetles, butternut curculio, husk flies, lacebugs, nut weevils, and wood

borers. Additionally, its roots produce a toxin that spread 60-80 feet from its base that stunt or kill many commonly planted ornamentals.

Cornus florida - Native dogwoods, even planted in the best of conditions and prophylactically sprayed for anthracnose, are very prone to anthracnose. I believe a survey of dogwoods planted by the Village over the last few years would indicate that few have thrived or even survived.

Eliminations:

Quercus shumardii - an excellent, fast growing native oak

Quercus phellos - another excellent, fast growing native oak

Acer saccharum - the quintessential, native maple for fall color

Acer freemanii - an excellent hybrid of two native maples, *rubrum* and *saccharum*

Ulmus americana - notwithstanding some structural issues that can be overcome by better plant selection and formative pruning practices, arguably the most successful variety planted by the Village in the last decade

Please consider revisiting the list and refer it to the BOT for approval. Even if you don't please let the Planning Board's landscape consultant know about the change as she has been including the previous list in her memos to applicants.

Sincerely,

Stuart Tiekert

Attachment –
702 Prospect Regarding New Tree Location

Sat 4/16/2022 10:26 AM

To:

- Amanda Neilson <agneilson2@gmail.com>

Leaving now!

From: Amanda Neilson <agneilson2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>
Subject: Re: Wrong placement for new tree

Yes. We will be here. See you then.

On Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 10:16 AM Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:

I will be there in 20 minutes! Are you still at home
Beverley

From: Amanda Neilson <agneilson2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>
Subject: Re: Wrong placement for new tree

Can we meet at 10AM?

On Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 12:48 PM Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:

Saturday is fine. Please pick a time, I am pretty free until about 5:00 pm.

From: Amanda Neilson <agneilson2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 12:28 PM

To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>
Subject: Re: Wrong placement for new tree

I have to leave tomorrow by noon- so can we plan for Saturday?

On Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 11:38 AM Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:

Some time later Tuesday afternoon or early evening? When are you leaving for Texas? I could also stop by Saturday afternoon. The trees are not coming this week so we have a window.

From: Amanda Neilson <agneilson2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2022 6:41 PM

To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>
Subject: Re: Wrong placement for new tree

Thank you. Unfortunately I am in town tomorrow and until noon on Tuesday- but will be in Texas after that through Friday. Hopefully we can meet before I leave or after I'm home. If not- can I email you pictures tomorrow of locations to consider?

Thanks again.
Amanda

On Sun, Apr 10, 2022 at 6:39 PM Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:

Jeff and I will be working on the list for marking tree locations this coming week. I'll let you know when we're ready to ride the circuit and mark locations again. If for some reason you're not available when he can do it, I could meet with you ahead of time to find out where you want the tree. The only reason he might adjust it would be if the location interferes with underground utilities.

I'll get back to you soon.

From: Amanda Neilson <agneilson2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 9, 2022 8:54 AM

To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>
Subject: Re: Wrong placement for new tree

Yes, if we can find a good spot for the tree a redbud will be nice. (And I checked and they are low allergy inducing which is best for me so that's a good choice.)

Thank you for your attentive help. I really appreciate you.
Amanda

On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 5:05 PM Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:
Hi Amanda,

I'm happy to do that. I'll get in touch with him and get back to you. I don't know whether he is working next week as it's spring break for the schools, but it will be before the trees arrive, I promise.

Are you satisfied with a redbud?

Beverley

From: Amanda Neilson <agneilson2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>
Subject: Re: Wrong placement for new tree

Beverley,

Thank you for your prompt reply. The request for a tree came after our original tree was chopped down. We are open to a new tree, but do not want the new current chosen location. I would love to be able to meet with Jeff Ahne, the Parks Foreman, and discuss location with him and appreciate that suggestion. If you could let me know his available times that would be great.

Thanks you again for your help,
Amanda Neilson
914-589-6551

On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 4:19 PM Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:
Dear Ms. Neilson,

Thank you for your email.

The tree we have scheduled in front of your property is a redbud, a small, flowering tree. I believe there are power lines above the right of way, so a tree planted in that space needs to be less than 30' at maturity.

According to my notes, someone requested a replacement for the tree that had been removed. I apologize if my notes are incorrect.

It is not too late to change the location for the new tree if you would like. I can make arrangements with Jeff Ahne, our Parks Foreman, for a return visit and let you know about it in advance so you can be part of the discussion. The Village is working on building up the canopy in the rights of way along our streets to lower the summer temperatures, clean the air, and provide all the other benefits that trees convey.

You are of course at liberty to plant your own trees elsewhere on your property, so long as they are not in the Village right of way. If you don't want a tree in front of your house at all, we will find another location for it.

Sincerely yours,
Beverley Sherrid
Co-Chair, VOM Tree Committee

From: Amanda Neilson <agneilson2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 12:59 PM
To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>; Koller, Gail <GKoller@vomny.net>
Subject: Wrong placement for new tree

Ms Sherrid and Ms. Koller,

My husband previously sent an email on this matter a couple weeks ago but has received no response.

My name is Amanda Neilson. My family and I reside at 702 Prospect Ave. and have lived here for nearly 20 years. Recently, I noticed some white spray paint marking an area in front of our home on the road. My neighbor informed me this was placed by the tree commission with the intention of planting a tree at that spot. This concerns me. This is NOT the right spot for a tree in our yard.

On Christmas Eve, 2020, the large beautiful maple tree in front of our home was cut down by the tree commission. We did not receive any notice of this. It was very distressing and has been sorely missed. I appreciate the desire to replace a tree, however the new spot will be directly in the middle of our front lawn, which is an awkward placement, as well as being a high trafficked spot from the many neighborhood children who play on our front lawn, using it as a sort of field/playground.

My next concern is we have not been informed with any details. What type of tree is planned? The city has planted many crab apple trees in the area and they are messy which I would like to avoid.

Please do not plant a tree in this location! If there must be a tree than perhaps we can replant a tree back where our old maple tree in the first place- immediately south of the large rock. Otherwise, I do not see the need for a tree here. I love trees, but our yard is small, and I dont see the need for one as planned. If, for some reason, a tree must be planted please let me know the reasons and particulars. I would prefer to hire a private landscaper to plant a good tree further over, in a more attractive and appropriate location closer to our driveway and not in the middle of the lawn.

I would appreciate your response and input regarding this matter,

Sincerely,
Amanda Neilson
914-589-6551

Attachment –
739 Bleecker Regarding 8 ROW trees marked for removal

On Wed, Apr 6, 2022 at 10:27 PM DEBORAH PLACHTA <grendelo@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Beverley, we met at the tree walk in Florence park—I'm Alan Diner's wife Deborah. I'm concerned because 5 (five!) beautiful trees in a row along Bleecker Avenue have been marked for destruction. They are indeed old, I fear they may be unnecessarily condemned out of over caution. Is there any recourse to a 2nd opinion?
Thanks, Deborah Plachta (917-566-8132)

Beverley Sherrid <mrssherrid@gmail.com> Apr 6, 2022, 11:02 PM

to DEBORAH, Gail

Hi Deborah,

Yes! I remember talking to you.

I am copying Gail Koller, who is co-chair of the Tree Committee. She also saw the removal marks on those trees and asked the Village Manager to take a second look with her recently. I believe the decision on several was changed to maintenance pruning, but she can give you specific information.

It's really good to know you are watching out for the trees. The village is becoming much more tree aware, but we need as many eyes as possible.

Beverley

Beverley
Sherrid Fri, Apr 8, 12:16 PM

Hi Deborah, I don't know whether Gail has responded to you yet. The trees marked with P have been taken off the removal list and will be pruned. The others have

Beverley
Sherrid Fri, Apr 8, 12:57 PM

Gail can answer better than I can. She raised the same cry that you did when she saw the original marks, which is why she and Jerry went back to evaluate the tr

Beverley
Sherrid Sun, Apr 10, 7:38 AM

Good morning Deborah, No, you're not a crank. I will try to get Gail to send you the file she created with the explanation for each tree. I received a copy but

Beverley
Sherrid Tue, Apr 12, 6:15 PM

I think the osprey lunch spot is an ash not an elm (per your earlier emails) I hope the EAB never finds it! Beverley On Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 5:19 PM Koller, Gai

DEBORAH
PLACHTA Tue, Apr 12, 8:54 PM

Dear Gail, so sorry you're sick! I hope it's a very mild case. Clearly I need to come to terms with the priorities. Hollow trees can have long, healthy lives bu

Beverley
Sherrid Wed, Apr 13, 2:41 PM (13 days ago)

Deborah, You'll be interested to know that the Tree Committee has asked the Trustees to add a budget line for maintenance pruning. It looks as if they are going

DEBORAH PLACHTA Wed, Apr 13, 7:53 PM (13 days ago)

to me, Gail

Wonderful news Beverley!

Sent from my iPhone

**Attachment --
Tree Removals**

<u>Address</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>VOM</u>	<u>Date</u>
412	N. Barry	X			4/19/2022 dying
412	N. Barry		X		4/19/2022 not hazardous
818	Walton		X		4/20/2022 black cherry
555	Alda	X			4/20/2022 storm damage, fallen
331	Stanley			ROW	4/20/2022 storm damage
102	Fairway Green				4/11/2022 violation
536	Orenta	X		ROW	4/6/2022 hazardous, replace with 2 trees
539	Fairview	X			4/6/2022 replace BROW
1505	Stoneybrook		10		4/5/2022 hazardous
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834	Walton	X			4/5/2022 lighening, cracks
1	Pirate's Cove		3		4/5/2022 hazardous
1460	Nelson				4/5/2022
739	Bleecker			ROW	4/1/2022 prune 5, remove 3 (photos)
155	Heathcote			private	3/31/2022 hazardous
102	Fairway Green				
1505	Harrison Ave		2	private	1 close to house, 1 decayed
1505	Harrison Ave				
525	Stanley	X		private	3/2/2022 decayed; hazardous
346	Mamaroneck Ave			ROW	4/26/2020 hazardous



SCRIPT FOR ACTION RESEARCH - TREE REPORT

The numbers correspond to the three presentation nights.

1. Monday, April 4th 2. Tuesday, April 5th 3. Wednesday, April 6th

1. Zoe 2. Zoe 3. Sofia

Action Research for Community Change is a student-centered social science research think tank based on the book, Student Research for Community Change, that Dr. Feit co-authored with Dr. William Tobin a sociologist from the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University.

Dr. Feit and Dr. Tobin wrote the book based on 10 years of research that demonstrated that high school students can make a positive impact in their communities by providing local organizations with empirical research that supports policy development.

1. Henry 2. Kyle 3. Kyle

Rather than a typical curriculum, Action Research teaches students to apply social science methods to address issues that when embedded in their communities, are multi-faceted and often entangled with the beliefs and needs of community stakeholders.

Our recent clients have included the Community Resource Center with a study on access to affordable housing and transportation, The Westchester Joint Water Works, a study on public perceptions of water quality, and the Village of Mamaroneck, for whom last year, we conducted a study on legislative limitations on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers -

1. Brian 2. Jocelyn 3. Dimitri

To identify issues in our community, we invite leaders of local organizations to speak with us about the challenges they face as public service organizations. In a series of interviews with community leaders, we consider the challenges they share with us and identify an area on which to focus our study.

This year the Action Research students conducted a study for the Village of Mamaroneck's Tree Committee, Chaired by Mrs. Beverley Sherrid. We investigated residents' perspectives on sustaining our urban forest and perspectives on new legislation adopted in 2020 regarding the removal, planting, and preservation of trees that support environmental goals in our community.

1. Zoe 2. Zoe 3. Sofia

We interviewed Mrs. Sherrid, to learn about her experiences as a conservationist who is working to create awareness of the importance of the urban forest as a means to combat air pollution, erosion from climate change, and protect the beauty of our community - Urban forest was a new term for us. The urban forest refers to trees in built-up areas that provide a means to preserve indigenous and air purifying trees - particularly, old growth trees.

From Mrs. Sherrid we learned that in Fall 2021, the Village Board of Trustees, approved legislation that requires homeowners to apply for permits to remove trees from private property. The law restricting removals applies to protected trees only, i.e. trees 8" in diameter at 4 1/2' from the ground. These trees require a permit and have a replanting requirement - removing them without a permit entails a fine. The fines for removing a tree without a permit are substantial and can run into thousands of dollars. After two detailed conversations with Mrs. Sherrid, she identified resistance from private property owners to the 2020 legislation that clearly articulates how people should manage the trees on private property.

1. Henry 2. Kyle 3. Kyle

Action Research members generated the research question: What are the perspectives of homeowners and renters in the Village of Mamk on the removal and replacement of trees according to the 2020 legislation?

We decided on a qualitative study for which we developed a survey to determine the views and attitudes of homeowners regarding the trees in the Village of Mamk that are located on private property.

We began by identifying what data would be the most beneficial to the Tree Committee, including residents' demographic information, such as age, home ownership, decision-making regarding trees, the presence of children and pets, their past decisions regarding the trees on their property, and their current beliefs about the usefulness of trees in our community.

1. Brian 2. Jocelyn 3. Dimitri

Robert Ingenito, Public Information Officer for the Village and Mrs. Sherrid, reviewed our survey. This resulted in both English and Spanish versions being distributed over a three-week period in the Village's eNewsletter during March 2022.

We garnered 18 responses to the English version of our survey, and no responses on the Spanish version. Of those respondents, a full 77.8% reported voting in local elections. According to research on voter turnout in local elections conducted by Portland State University an average of only 15% of registered voters participate in local elections nationwide - if voter turnout is an indicator of civic engagement, we had heard from civically engaged individuals.

1. Zoe 2. Zoe 3. Sofia

The demographic profile of respondents to our survey showed that they were between the ages of 31 to 66+ years old, homeowners (83%) who made decisions about trees on their properties, and roughly half had children and/or pets. We queried whether children or pets were present with the idea that those with either, might value trees more than residents who do not use their properties for child or pet recreation.

The Village's tree legislation requires that if a tree is removed a new one must be planted. 44% of respondents had a tree removed in the past 3 years and 55.6% had planted a new tree - indicating that these homeowners were adhering to the Tree law.

1. Henry 2. Kyle 3. Kyle

Therefore, based on the demographic data we collected we concluded that the respondents were those most likely to have voted on the Village's tree legislation and in view of their following the law, might also be citizens who supported it. This was further supported by the 38% who reported that an arborist had evaluated the trees on their property within the past three years. That data point generally corresponds with the 44% who had removed trees.

78% of respondents who had trees removed did so because their trees were dead, diseased, blocked light, or had roots that might cause structural damage. There were no respondents who removed trees for reasons such as clearing a lot, obstructing a view, or issues with raking.

1. Brian 2. Jocelyn 3. Dimitri

83% reported that they care about future environmental impact of the species of trees on their properties and 94% said they were aware of the 2020 Tree Law. Only 16% said that they would replace an existing tree with an ornamental tree rather than one that provides an environmental advantage.

When it came to assessing summer temperatures, air quality, floods, and property values, 100% of respondents said that these issues are very important (72.2%) or important (27.8%).

1. Zoe 2. Zoe 3. Sofia

Finally, 100% of respondents supported a variety of reasons for preserving the urban forest including shade, privacy, attractiveness, flood protection, light blocking, with 55.6% voicing concerns about falling branches, roots interfering with foundations, or reducing open space.

1. Henry 2. Kyle 3. Dimitri

Our data and analysis suggests that it is likely that the Tree Survey respondents are civically engaged, supported the Tree Law, and understand the value that trees bring to our community. Since the eNewsletter is available to all residents, the small number of respondents might mean that many local residents are not responsive to surveys and/or the media communication from the Village of Mamaroneck via eNewsletters.

We concluded that If the Tree Committee wishes to expand active interest in the Village's preservation of the urban forest, it will be necessary to find alternative ways of canvassing residents to engage them in the aims of tree conservation.

EMERGENCY CONDITION

A condition in which severe weather, storms, natural or non-natural causes severely affect the integrity of a tree, posing an immediate threat to life, property or the general public. P.2

[318-8](#) K. Emergency Removals. If the Village Manager or the Village Manager's designee determines that a tree is a dangerous tree, the Village Manager or the Village Manager's designee may grant a permit for the immediate removal of the tree without following the procedures or requirements otherwise required by this section, including replacement of trees where required, but no tree 18 DBH or greater may be removed on an emergency basis by reason of disease without submitting to the Building Inspector a detailed report by a certified arborist justifying the removal. Removal of any tree is permitted by any person when there is an actual or ongoing emergency condition threatening life or property, the immediate removal of a tree is necessary for the protection and preservation of life or property and there is no time to wait for granting of a tree removal permit. Within three business days of removal, documented evidence such as photographs, along with a completed tree removal application, must be submitted to the Village Manager or the Village Manager's designee setting forth the nature and extent of the immediate threat. [A tree that has fallen because of non-manmade conditions may be removed by the property owner prior to filing a completed tree removal application, provided said application, along with documented evidence such as photographs, is filed within three days of removal.](#) Failure to submit the required documentation within three business days is a violation of this chapter. [A property owner is not required to remove a fallen tree that is not dangerous and does not cause a public obstruction.](#)

Attachment 10

12-Apr-22

Spring 2022

species

common name

Number **Street** **Comment** **Small** **Tall** **Total**

Florence P

211	Frank			1		1	cercis canadensis	redbud
225	Frank			1		1	cercis canadensis	redbud
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2022 TOTALS:

2 0 2

Harbor Heights

1508	Raleigh Road	/	<u>BROW charlenefaiella@yahoo.com</u>	*	1		1	cornus florida	flowering dogwood
1346	Raleigh Road	/	<u>kforgit@gmail.com</u>	*	1		1	cercis canadensis	redbud
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141	Saxon Drive				1		1	cornus florida	flowering dogwood
	Warren Ave Park		see map #1			1	1	querus alba	white oak
	Warren Ave Park		see map #2			1	1	Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum
	Warren Ave Park		see map #3			1	1	querus alba	white oak
	Warren Ave Park		see map #4			1	1	querus alba	white oak
	Warren Ave Park		see map #5			1	1	querus alba	white oak

2022 TOTALS:

4 5 9

Old Rye Neck South

311	Prospect Ave		<u>Jennifer Leclair <leclair.jen@gmail.com</u>			1	1	querus alba	white oak
702	Prospect Ave		relacement -- requested		1		1	cercis canadensis	redbud
234	Stanley		Community Counseling Center		1		1	cercis canadensis	redbud
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2022 TOTALS: 3 1 4

Lawn Terrace, S. Barry Ave

2022 TOTALS: 0 0 0

Harbor Island Park/Boston Post Road

2022 TOTALS: 0 0 0

Washingtonville

0
0

2022 TOTALS: 0 0 0

Oriente

536	Oriente	replacement per VM, 25' apart	1	1	platanus acerfolia	london plane
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1040	Seven Oaks Lane	17' into property (ring bell when plan *	1	1	prunus sargentii	sargent cherry
1040	Seven Oaks Lane	10' into property katrinl1711@gmail. *	1	1	prunus sargentii	sargent cherry
1020	Seven Oaks Lane	10' into property (invisible fence))	1	1	cornus florida	flowering dogwood
622	Stiles	location marked	1	1	cornus florida	flowering dogwood
1055	Nine Acres Lane		1	1	querus alba	white oak
1055	Nine Acres Lane		1	1	platanus acerfolia	london plane
1055	Nine Acres Lane		1	1	Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum
1055	Nine Acres Lane		1	1	querus alba	white oak

2022 TOTALS: 4 6 10

Historic District

617	Brook	BROW location marked	1	1	cercis canadensis	redbud
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302 Melbourne replacement 1 1 querus alba white oak

2022 TOTALS: 1 1 2

Boston Post Road

1160 W. Boston Post Road plant on Richbelle empty tree pit 1 1 plantanus acerfolia london plane
 320 W. Boston Post Road plant in empty tree pit 1 1 prunus sargentii sargent cherry

2022 TOTALS: 1 1 2

Grand total

**** ** * 15 14 29
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On Order

**** ** * 15 21 36
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Species

On Order

Locations

london plane platanus acerfolia 6 \$ 4
 white oak quercus alba 9 \$ 8
 sweet gum Liquidambar styraciflua 6 \$ 2

Total Tall 21 14

Redbud cercis canadensis 8 \$ 8
 sargeant cherry prunus sargentii 3 \$ 3
 dogwood cornus florida 4 \$ 4

Total Small 15 \$ 15

Grand Total 36 29

Move to Fall

415	Prospect	bare root		1	
503	Munro	bare root		1	
416	Wagner	bare root			
205	Prospect Ave	<u>move to fall for bare root</u>		1	
239	Munro	requested, move to fall for bare root		1	
249	Wagner	<u>move to fall for bare root</u>			
	Melbourne	replacement	1		1
	Melbourne	replacement, space for 2 add'l trees	1		1
	Melbourne	replacement, space for 1 add'l tree	1		1

Attachment –
Request to Plant Trees in ROW

From: Daniel Sarnoff <dsarnoff@vomny.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 2:49 PM
To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; TreeCom <TreeCom@vomny.org>
Subject: Tree Planting Application from McMichaels Boat Yard

Beverley:

I received the attached from Steve Leicht on behalf of McMichael's Boat Yard. They want to do some beautification on the right of way in front of their wall and plant three (3) Hawthorne Winter trees. Can this be reviewed at the next Tree Committee meeting for review and recommendation?

Thx
Dan

Attachment 12
507 Revere Road Heritage Tree Recommendation

From: Greg Atria <gregatria@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>
Subject: Historical Tree on our Property

Hi Jerry,

I hope all is well with you.

We have a huge tree on our property in the front that I believe is actually a historical landmark and MMk property. I'm trying to find out which department I can get in touch with to see about pruning, etc

Figured I'd reach out you to see if you had any info.

Thank you!