Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee 23 June 2022 Agenda

*Approval of the May 26, 2022 Minutes (Attachment 1)

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

*Correspondence

540 Lawn Terrace – thank you, reconsidered two additional trees (*Attachment 2*)

*Old Business

<u>Maintenance, Removal, or Evaluation Please provide street numbers when reporting tree-related issues</u>
400 Orienta – tree roots interfering with sidewalk (*Attachment 3*)
127-139 Highview (*Attachment 4*)
HIP tree near gazebo needs pruning (*Attachment 5*)
Rockland Ave, 2 London Planes @ Sarah Newman and Palmer Court for pruning
Palmer Terrace, Palmer Court, multiple trees to be pruned

Public and Private Tree Removals & Applications

- List (Attachment 6)
- Top of the Ridge Redevelopment (*Attachment 7*)

ConEd Underground Wires

- Research on effects of bad pruning

Tree Law - Replacement Planting

- 818 Walton/Almstead lot size concerns for two replacement trees (*Attachment 8*)
- 1505 Stoneybrook 10 trees (*Attachment 9*)
- Weekend protocol currently is to call the police if there may be an unpermitted removal in process

<u>Tree Nursery</u> update (*Attachment 10*)

*New Business

VOM Budget

- Was a budget line for maintenance pruning approved? When does new budget go into effect?

Library Centennial Tree (Attachment 11)

<u>Citizen Pruners Workshop – schedule date (Fall)</u>

American Chestnut seeds

Book Discussion online

- The Hidden Life of Trees (Attachment 12)
- Sept 15, 2021

Heritage Tree List

- Need to prepare list plus nomination procedures
- 305 Carroll Ave (Attachment 13)

Financial effects of planting trees around private residences (Matt)

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

*Calendar Notes

- July 28, 2022 Next meeting; 7:30 pm in person, location TBA
- September 15, 2022 Online book discussion 7:00 pm, The Hidden Life of Trees
- TBA date for field meeting regarding sidewalk interference from tree roots (Knollwood @ Crown Ct)

May 26, 2022 MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON April 26th AT 7:30PM

PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, trustee Gail Koller, co-chair Beverley Sherrid, co-chair Marlene Star Ellen Axelrod Jerry Barberio, Village Manager Arlene Novich, Resident Ginny Seward, Resident

- 1. Call to Order: 7:41PM
- 2. Approval of amended April Minutes Approved
- 3. Visitors at the meeting Arlene Novich and Ginny Seward

Arlene, chairman of the Town of Mamaroneck Sustainability Committee, was asking about VOM tree law and possible collaboration between the Village and with the TOM. Details of Village's activity with regard to tree law, plantings, maintenance, watering approach, staffing and citizen pruners. Jerry will work with her on collaboration efforts.

Ginny of 310 Orienta Ave requested tree services for ROW tree planted by public works on her property. Jerry will meet with her to review the situation and how to proceed.

4. Correspondence:

Request for approved arborist - VOM ISA certified arborist will be posted on Tree Committee web page through ISA.org link

1402 Franklin Ave - Request to remove and replace two dead ROW trees in the fall

702 Prospect – Thank you note for fall planting of new tree

629 Fairway Ave - replacement tree request & stump grinding – Beverley responded to request and a new tree will be planted in the fall

Orienta Ave and Sylvan Lane bike path - two ROW trees need care – Jerry will take a look

580 Lawn Terrace, New Tree - Residents decided to accept new sweet gum tree in their ROW

410 Delancey - Problem with encroaching tree roots - Jerry will work with Westfair Property Mgmt. Co. to replace buckling asphalt

228 Prospect - Thank you note for the new tree

540 Lawn Terrace - Thank you note for New Trees

617 Brook – Resident asked for instructions about caring for tree; Jerry will provide a Cornell fact sheet

5. Old Business:

List of stumps & trees for removal from TC - This will be a project for the fall/winter

412 Rushmore – young tree needs staking and straightening

812 Stuart – Multiple problems with tree– Jerry will remove tree. Repair work is needed for catch basin and pipe below it.

Bud Walker Park - invasive Bittersweet vine and dead tree need to be removed

Shore Acres Drive by the Bird Sanctuary near S. Barry - Bittersweet invasive vine will be removed as a rainy days' project. Jerry will inspect for hazardous trees along the road and path but not in the interior, as this land is a wildlife sanctuary. As part of VOM flood mitigation efforts, the Village is cleaning branches and debris from rivers and creeks, leaving stumps in place along the banks for stability.

Waverly @ Fennimore - Dead tree in tree well. Jerry said this actually is the responsibility of the owner, however we can replace it in the fall 305 Carrol Ave and Lorena St. - Tree was placed on pruning list 405 Fourth Street – Tree placed on pruning list. Significance of green ties around trees – tree has been marked for permit inspection.

<u>List of Public and Private Tree Removals & Applications</u> – Ongoing list provided by Beverley for committee information

<u>Establishing VOM Policy for treatment of trees interfering with sidewalks</u> – Jerry requested a site visit before next TC meeting to discuss a solution Locations include Knollwood, 411 Beach and others

<u>Hotline for reporting tree law violations</u> – During the week, report to Building Department; on weekend residents can call police. Village may specify that approved tree removal form can should be posted on residents' front door for community to see. Currently the Building Department does not have weekend coverage.

Spring trees have been planted

<u>Tree Walk in Florence Park</u> – was on May 15 - 17 attended (40+ registered)

Tree Law

- Planning Board revisions are pending with BOT

- County will circulate copy of law & FAQ to all arborist and removal companies registered with the county

- Copy of Westchester County Ordinances, by village, Regulating Trees on Private Property was shared

- New Rochelle Asking for VOM Tree Law for updates – Jerry will send a copy of our tree laws

- Question regarding TOM tree law for replacing trees – It is handled in TOM by the Environmental Planner with additional details.

- Tree Tags for New Trees - NYC Parks tree tag "I'M YOUR NEW TREE TAG" was shared. Discussed design of tag, print and material must be water resistant.

- Tree Nursery update – Gail provided details on plans for the nursery which will be at Bud Walker Park. She requested to save ½ gallon juice and milk containers for seedlings.

- Clean & Green update – Good turn-out of both adults and children for planting Oak seedlings for trees. It was requested that next year we should be located by the Marine Education Center at HIP.

6. New Business:

a. <u>Fall Trees –</u>

- i. BROW scholarships pending with NYS AG
- ii. Bud Walker Park to be considered for the fall
- iii. Bishop across from Metro North line will receive evergreens to soften it up and have small, flowering trees planted in ROW
- iv. Plan to use bare root trees extensively but not exclusively
- v. Plans to coordination bare root orders with Village of Larchmont
- <u>Library Centennial Tree</u> Proposed plan to plant a Tupelo commemorative tree with a plaque at the Rushmore Ave playground in Harbor Island Park
- c. <u>Request to Plant Trees in ROW</u> McMichael's still pending

- d. <u>VOM-wide investigation into feasibility of moving ConEd trees</u> <u>underground</u> – items to be considered include power losses from frequent severe storms, financial hardship for remote workers, damage to street trees and aesthetics. Jerry will set up meeting with ConEd.
- e. <u>Dedicated Tree Committee e-blast list was requested</u> Jerry said it can be done.
- f. <u>Heritage Tree List</u> Need to prepare list plus nomination procedures
- g. <u>Financial effects of planting trees around private residences</u> Matt to prepare
- h. <u>Arbor-trary Day</u> observed on May 11 white dogwood planted at courthouse. Event went well. TC attended the planting.

7. Calendar Notes:

IN PERSON - Next meeting Thursday, June 23rd, 2022 at 7:30PM – location TBA

8. ADJOURNED – 10:12 PM

Attachment 2 – 540 Lawn Terrace

Beverly,

We are very happy with our new village supplied tree. The DPW comes by routinely to water and care for it. In retrospect, I should have accepted a second tree when you offered it.

Please put our property (540 Lawn Terrace) on the list of tree wannabees. In fact, we would take two more.

Thank you.

Regards, Bob Robinowitz

<u>Attachment 3</u> 400 Orienta Ave, Tree Roots Interfering With Sidewalk

There is a tree in front of my home on what I believe is village property. The tree is healthy, but its roots are pushing the sidewalk up. This creates a potential hazard for pedestrians and anyone else using the sidewalk. I just wanted to call this to your attention.

Best, Beth Rudich 400 Orienta Avenue Mamaroneck, NY 914-589-6767

<u>Attachment 4</u> 127-139 Highview Tree for Removal

To the right of 139 highview st (house for sale) & the lot that is overgrown now, to the left of 127. The dot faded on the tree. You will see the tree is slowly going towards 139's service & the poles across the street. Anything that can get the tree taken care of would be helpful. There was a tree down the hill in the intersection that took our power out for a week while the property owner & village waited to take that tree down. We would like to go a summer where there are no power outtages or generators used. \bigtriangleup Lol Thanks for your reply & response. Hopefully this can all go smoothly.

Shari **b** walkapup@optonline.net 914-384-9256

On Jun 9, 2022, at 12:19 PM, Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:

Apologies for the misunderstanding. Do you know the street address of the house for sale. Otherwise, perhaps the name of the street? Beverley Sherrid

Walk-a-Pup, Inc. <walkapup@optonline.net> Thu 6/9/2022 11:19 AM Its NOT at my house. Its in between a home for sale & empty lots at the end of a dead end street. It had a sprayed painted dot & was on the list for removal back in 8/2021. Ida came & nothing has been done. IT WAS APPROVED FOR REMOVAL.

Shari awalkapup@optonline.net 914-384-9256

On Jun 9, 2022, at 11:11 AM, Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net> wrote:

Hi Shari, What is your address? Someone from the Village will do an assessment. Beverley Sherrid

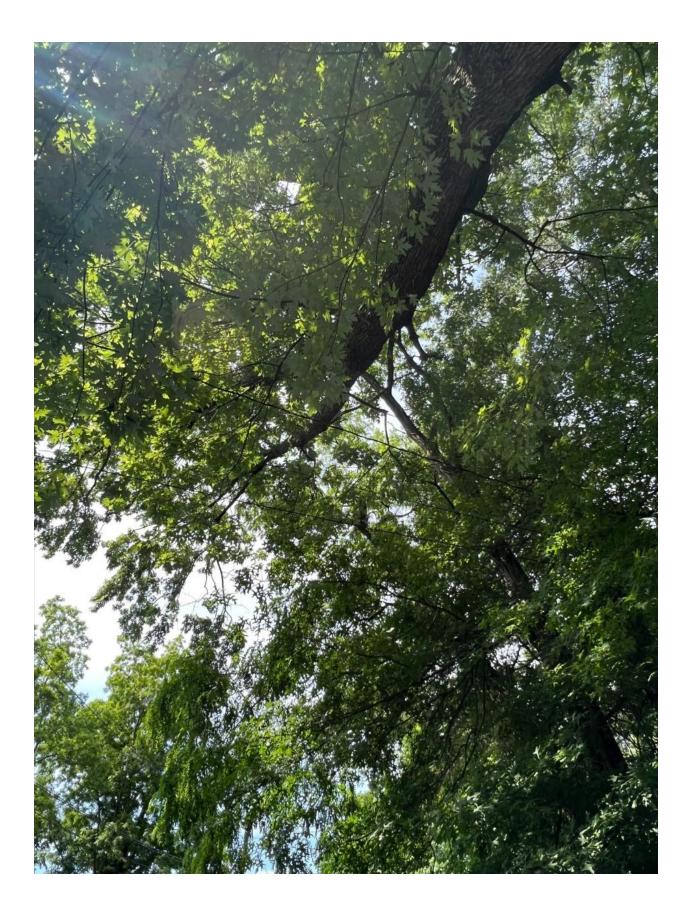
VOM Co-Chair

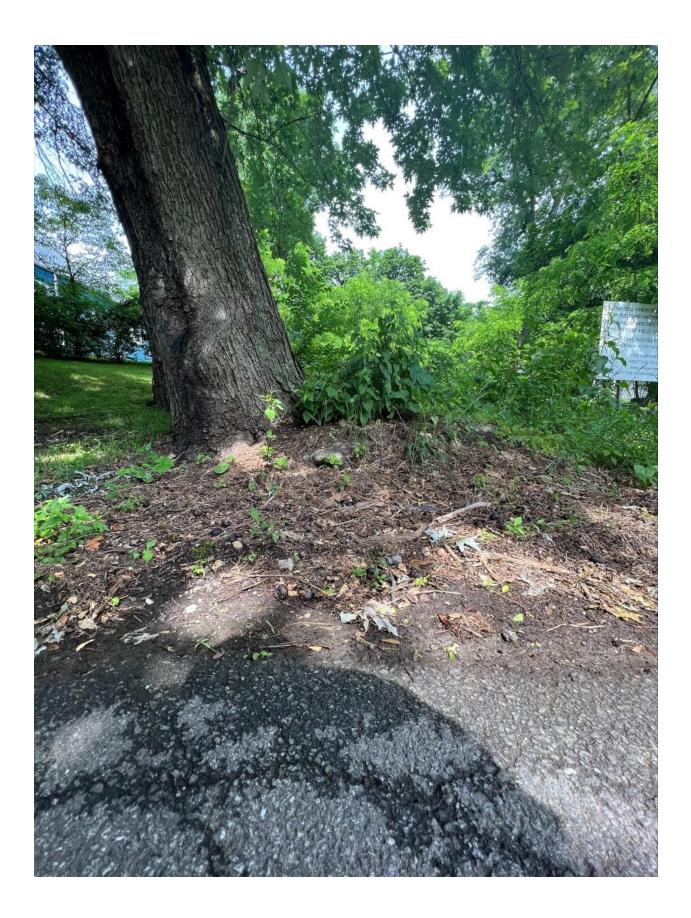
Walk-a-Pup, Inc. <walkapup@optonline.net> Thu 6/9/2022 11:09 AM Who is in charge of removing a village tree that was supposed to be removed 8/2021? It is large & root system has been giving way. It was take service & poles down if the wrong storm system comes on thru here. Any help would be greatly appreciated!!

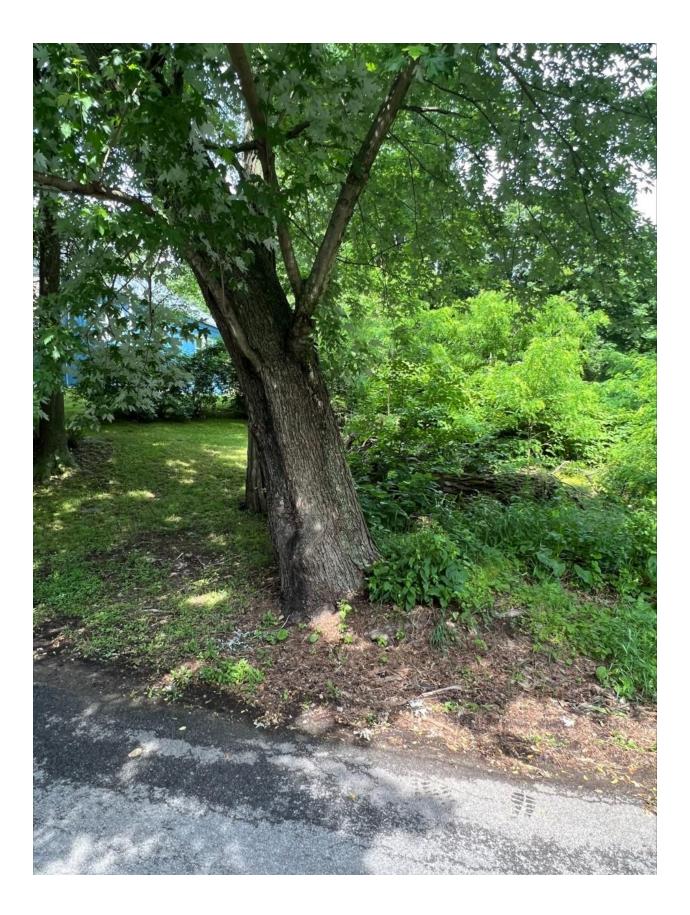
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Please see the attached photos of what I believe is the tree in question. It is not on the list of take downs I have from 20-21 however it does appear that it was marked at one point.

James Barney Acting General Foreman of Public Works Village of Mamaroneck (914) 351-6380 Beverley Sherrid Thu 6/9/2022 12:34 PM





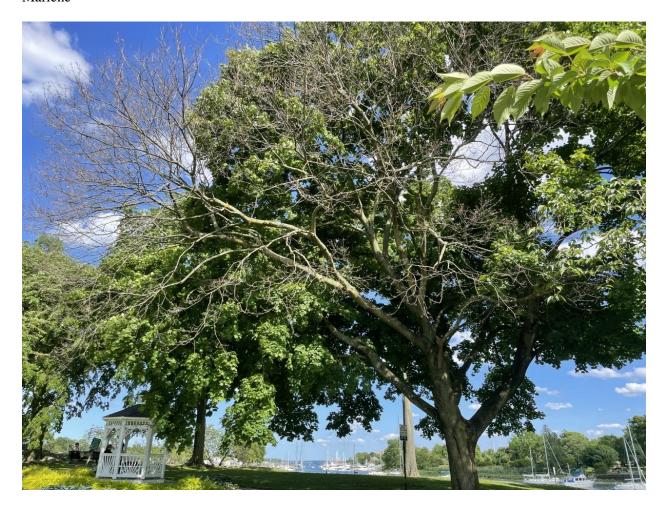


Attachment 5 HIP Tree Needs Pruning

Hi Beverley,

This tree next to the harbor gazebo looks like it might have been struck by lightning and now it needs pruning. Thanks,

Marlene



Tree Removals

<u>Address</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Approved</u>	Denied	VOM	Date
<u>April</u>					
412	N. Barry	Х			4/19/2022 dying
412	N. Barry		Х		4/19/2022 not hazardous
818	Walton		X		4/20/2022 black cherry, resubmitted wi/ report
555	Alda	Х			4/20/2022 storm damage, fallen
331	Stanley			ROW	4/20/2022 storm damage
102	Fairway Green				4/11/2022 violation
536	Orenta	Х		ROW	4/6/2022 hazardous, replace with 2 trees
539	Fairview	Х			4/6/2022 replace BROW
1505	Stoneybrook	10	1		4/5/2022 hazardous
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834	Walton	Х			4/5/2022 lighening, cracks
1	Pirate's Cove	3			4/5/2022 hazardous
1460	Nelson		Х		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	Х		private	3/2/2022 decayed; hazardous
346	Mamaroneck Ave			ROW	4/26/2020 hazardous
<u>May</u>					
346	Florence			private	4/29/2022 refuses to get permit
411	Beach			ROW	5/9/2022
	Lester & Howard	5		ROW	5/10/2022
	Waverly @ Fennimore			ROW	dead tree in tree well

155	Heathcote		Х		5/12/2022	
535	Claflin			ROW	5/16/2022	
832	The Parkway		Х			tree damaged by initial attempt to remove without a permit
818	Walton	Х			5/24/2022	
1402	Franklin			ROW	5/3/2-22	requested
405	Fourth			ROW	5/23/2022	needs pruning
<u>June</u>						
	Top of the Ridge redevelop.			private	6/1/2022	permit? (resident question)
1417	Stoneybrook			ROW	5/21/2022	healthy, not removed
430	Claflin		Х	private	6/2/2022	tree should be pruned
166	Maple			ROW		
400	Orienta			ROW		roots affecting sidewalk
822	The Parkway			ROW		needs inspection
127-139	Highview			ROW		dead tree
	Bud Walker Park			park	6/13/2022	removed fallen tree
1040	Nautilus Lane			NA		PB site plan pre-dates tree law

Attachment 7 Top of the Ridge Redevelopment

Two in fall 2022 is what I was told. Let's see what the permit says when I get it.

Thanks again Debbie.

JB **Jerry Barberio** Village Manager Village of Mamaroneck

Debbie Sullivan Thu 6/2/2022 3:38 PM Thanks so much Jerry. How many of the big trees do they want to remove? Debbie

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2022, at 1:49 PM, Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org> wrote:

Yes. We spoke to the contractor and they are prepared to file a permit. Building Department staff met with them.

Thank you. JB

Jerry Barberio Village Manager Village of Mamaroneck

Hi,

Can I come up there to check or do you want to call my office?

Jerry Barberio Village Manager

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Nora Lucas Wed 6/1/2022 11:06 AM FYI

Debbie, Thank you for the heads up.

Best,

Nora

Debbie Sullivan <daksull@gmail.com>

Wed 6/1/2022 10:30 AM

I live in Top of the Ridge, a condo community in the VOM. We are undergoing an extensive landscaping project. Today they started to

Take out many of the older ornamental trees, at least some of which were in poor shape. They are also slated to remove at least one of the mature evergreen trees. I just want to make sure they have to proper permits. How do I check?

I happen to be on the committee for the environment.

Debbie Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone

Attachment 8 818 Walton Replacement Trees

Hi Jerry Wondering if you saw client email last week. One or two trees based upon lot size? Just looking to finish planting season. Thanks Ken

Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2022, at 1:54 PM, Ken Almstead <kalmstead@almstead.com> wrote:

Thanks Jerry, I'm going to go and see the client on Friday to reassess the location and opportunity. It is as you saw a very small parcel with not a lot of opportunities. I will be back in touch afterwards to let you know. Thanks Ken

Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2022, at 12:42 PM, Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org> wrote:

We do not have a provision for that yet, but from time to time, the BOT does consider donations by resolution. If you want to donate two trees to be planted on Village property, I may consider that an option if the BOT is comfortable. Ideally, the planting of replacement trees should be on the property. There are so many varieties, I'm sure you can come up with two trees that fit the site perfectly.

Jerry Barberio Village Manager Village of Mamaroneck

<u>Attachment 9</u> <u>1505 Stoneybrook Ave, Replacement Trees</u>

----Original Message-----From: hcmill29or@aol.com To: mayorandboard@vomny.org <mayorandboard@vomny.org>; treecom@vomy.org <treecom@vomy.org> Sent: Sat, Jun 4, 2022 10:23 am Subject: Trees

We recently had 10 trees removed (permit yes) from our property because they constituted a threat to the health, safety and welfare of tenants of the apartment building/veterinary complex at 1621 Harrison Ave. Mamaroneck (Rye Neck). Our land is adjacent to that property. The possibility of our trees falling on wires existed which could cause another power outage (wifi, telephone, cable tv, fire, frozen pipes, etc.) was real. The wires transverse through a densely wooded area which is almost completely inaccessible...a long distance from a public street.

On January 14th of this year a tree blew down pulling wires down and splintering a utility pole on our property. The property management at 1621 did an exceptional job with the restoration process,

especially considering it happened at the very beginning of an externely cold weather period. It was costly and time consuming. In 2017 a similar incident occurred with wires down and a utility pole snapped.

We have tried to be as proactive as possible in dealing with these incidents. This year with the help of our arborist and tree surgeon it was decided to help eliminate the threat of this potential distructive event reoccurring.

The question which we have is it rational to have to plant 10 trees on our property as a consequence for being proactive in removing 10 dangerous trees as described above. (A condition of the tree removal permit was that we must plant the 10 trees). We do not think we should. Please advise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol & Henry Miller 1505 Stoneybrook Ave Mamaroneck, NY

Jerry,

I'm not sure you received a copy of this appeal.

I'm not familiar with the property although I remember the permit discussion. Beverley

Beverley,

The tree must be planted as per our code. The new trees that were removed were not planted properly and/or grew seedlings. Many had issues so the removal was warranted. Planting new trees to replace the canopy is the intent of the law and makes logical sense since the planting can be proper with purpose.

If the trees are not planted, we will need to issue fines. No exceptions. Appeal or not. It is a requirement of the new law.

Mr. Miller,

Interesting that the appeal was not submitted before the trees were cut. That was the time to say something. You could have pulled the permit at that time.

Thank you,

Jerry Barberio Village Manager Village of Mamaroneck

My message sent was addressed to the Board of Trustees and the Tree Committee...I will repeat the question...Is it rational to have to plant 10 trees on our property as a consequence for being proactive as described in our email of June 4th (please read). We believe that the law must be revised in reflecting the removal of our dangerous trees. We also seek relief in our having to plant the 10 trees.

Mr Barbario - in responce to your last statement... we were and still are interested in keeping a potentially bad situation from occurring again...that is our intention and still is. Why would I prolong that process. The law is wrong as it pertains to this situation. It took ConEd 2-3 weeks to reconnect power during extreme cold weather to the apartment and hospital complex ---with power being supplied by emergency generators initially. Just trying to be proactive rather than reactive.

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On January 14th of this year wind blew a tree and wires down splintering a utility pole on our property. The property management at 1621 did an exceptional job with the restoration process in accessing electrical power, especially considering it happened at the very beginning of an extremely cold weather period and the beginning of a holiday weekend. It took Con Ed 2-3 weeks to reconnect to power with electricity being supplied by generators, privately. It was extremely costly and time consuming. In 2017 a very similar incident occurred with a tree and wires down and utility pole snapped.

We have tried to be proactive in dealing with these incidents. This year with the help of our arborist and tree surgeon it was decided to help eliminate the threat of this potentially destructive event reoccurring.

The question which we have is it rational to have to plant 10 trees on our property as a consequence for being proactive in removing 10 dangerous trees as described above. (A condition of the tree removal permit was that we must plant the 10 trees). We do not think we should. We certainly do not think it is the intent of the Village Trustees or the Tree Committee to have us take on the tree purchasing, planting and maintenance as a consequence for our proactive attempt to help create a safer environment on our property and that of our neighbors at 1621 (veterinary hospital/apartment complex). If the code has been misinterpreted or needs replacement please fix. Thanks for your consideration.

Please respond by email that you have received this. Thanks. Carol & Henry Miller

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Miller,

Thank you for your email, which I received this afternoon. Unfortunately, the Tree Committee does not have any authority in the enforcement of the tree law.

Sincerely yours, Beverley Sherrid Co-Chair VOM Tree Committee

Dear Beverly Sherrid,

Thank you for responding. As witnessed in the passing of the tree law, your group had much influence in its formulation. We are not asking you for law enforcement. We are asking you if it is rational to have to plant 10 trees on our property as a consequence for being proactive as described in our previous email. We believe that you and the Tree Committee have the influence to help make changes where necessary especially when a portion of the law is unjust. We have seen from the work session of the Board of Trustees (June 13) that the Planning Board has made suggestions in modifying the tree law which may change the present law at an upcoming hearing. Any help which the Tree Committee could impart to create a more fair and reasonable tree law as it relates to removal of trees on private property taking into consideration the situation we have presented would be appreciated. Thanks.

Carol and Henry Miller 1505 Stoneybrook Ave Mamaroneck NY 10543

Dear Miller's,

Thank you for your correspondence . You state in your email that you were aware of the responsibility to replant 10 trees as a condition of your permit. That is what the law requires. That seems to me what you agreed to when you accepted the permit.

We passed the Tree Law to protect and grow our tree stock in the community for environmental and esthetic purposes. I realize that in an individual instance it might seem burdensome but we are tasked with looking at and dealing with the big picture when passing laws to benefit the whole community.

I know this is not what you want to hear but I don't think there is any provision under the law to pardon your responsibility to plant the trees that your permit requires. But I will check with the Village Attorney to see if I am correct.

Have a great weekend.

Respectfully,

Tom Murphy

Mayor, Village of Mamaroneck

Attachment 10 Tree Nursery Update

Hi Jeff,

Thanks so much for you help! Looking forward to connecting with Renee.

Best, Gail

Jeff Ahne Fri 6/17/2022 11:47 AM Hi Gail

There is no key for the community gardens it is a combination lock. I am adding Renee on this thread so she can be filled in on what's going on.

Renee runs the garden and also knows what plots are empty

Thanks Jeff

Thanks Gail

<u>Attachment 11</u> <u>Library Centennial Tree</u>

Thank you so much, Beverley! I did an image search of Tupelo and it's beautiful! And that it is salt water tolerant and great for wildlife is wonderful. I'm so excited! I just looked and it can live up to 500 years! Amazing. Thank you for the suggestion and all your work on this project.

Best -Amy Donohue Marketing Mamaroneck Public Library

Beverley Sherrid Mon 5/30/2022 8:11 PM Hi Amy,

I hope you've enjoyed this stunning holiday!

I'm glad you like the tupelo. I'm attaching a fact sheet from Cornell (one of the premier forestry centers in the country) in case you'd like to have it on hand. It recommends planting in the spring and planting small saplings because of the tap root. The small ones grow very fast and catch up to larger ones in a few years.

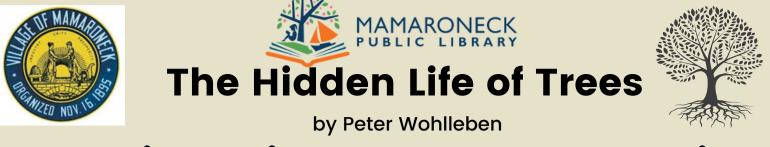
One thing I like about this tree in HIP is that it tolerates salt in the soil very well. When HIP floods it's often with saltwater from the rising tide, which is hard on many species. The tupelo has great wildlife value (pollen, fruit, habitat) and beautiful fall foliage.

I'll ask about where you might get a marker. I'll also ask the Parks Department about a few locations for you to think about.

Best wishes, Beverley

Hi Beverley -We'd like to do a Black Tupelo in the park (unless Cherry can be an option, as it is in our logo. If not, no problem). Let me know if you need anything from us as we continue this project.

Have a great weekend! Amy



A Discussion by Beverley Sherrid Thursday September 15 @ 7pm via Zoom

Register @ mamaronecklibrary.org/events

foreword by TIM FLANNERY



> What They Feel, How They Communicate

Discoveries from a Secret World



Join Beverley Sherrid of the Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee in an online book discussion of Peter Wohlleben's <u>The Hidden Life of Trees.</u> Wohlleben shares his deep love of woods and forests and explains the amazing processes of life, death, and regeneration he has observed in the woodlands. "The Hidden Life of Trees" grew directly out of walking tours like the one that Wohlleben was leading me on, through the same tract of woods."

- Robert Moor, The New Yorker, June 10, 2021

Attachment 13 – Heritage Tree Nominee

Hi all,

I just spent about an hour pruning this magnificent tree (I think it's a basswood) at 305 Carroll. The tree is at least 100 years old since it can be seen as a sapling in a very old photo of Carroll Street. I spent over an hour pruning suckers from the base of the trunk. The Langus's (couple in photo) told me that ConEd pruned the tree not too long ago and I believe the tree grew suckers to make sugar so it wouldn't starve and die. I did not prune the suckers at head height and above. Hopefully, they will help keep the tree alive.

I suggest that this tree and other huge trees on that street be designated as heritage trees.

Best, Gail

