

8/8/2022

Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee 11 August 2022 Agenda

***Approval of the June 23, 2022 Minutes** (*Attachment 1*)

***Welcome to new committee member Krishna Finkenberg**

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

***Correspondence**

- 1505 Hillside regarding replanting requirement for 10 trees (*Attachment 2*)
- 130 Beach regarding implicit bias etc. (*Attachment 3*)
- 130 Beach regarding tree nursery (*4*)

***Old Business**

Maintenance, Removal, or Evaluation *Please provide street numbers when reporting tree-related issues*

- Broken Stake in HIP & Watering (*Attachment 5*)
- 1000 Orienta, pruning (*Attachment 6*)
- 425 Hunter request ROW tree assessment, possibly hazardous (*Attachment 7*)
- 612 N. Barry, Dead Tree In ROW (*Attachment 8*)
- Dying tree near HIP pavilion (*Attachment 9*)

Public and Private Tree Removals, Applications, Violations

Halstead Sidewalk Improvements (*Attachment 10*)

Tree Law

- Permit to be posted by property owner?

Fall Planting

***New Business**

Invasive Pests

- Emerald Ash Borer
- Spotted Lantern Fly
 - o Two reported sightings in VOM (*Attachments 11 & 12*)

Citizen Pruners Workshop – schedule date (Fall)

Heritage Tree List

- Need to prepare list plus nomination procedures
- Gillie's Park Orienta

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

- Change meetings to different weeknight

***Calendar Notes**

- September x -, 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)

Draft of Minutes of Meeting of the Tree Committee
held remotely on July 28, 2022 at 7:37PM

PRESENT:

Nora Lucas, Trustee
Beverley Sherrid, co-chair
Gail Koller, co-chair
Marlene Star, TC member

Joe Colombo, TC member (by phone)
Sara Mignano, TC member
Krishna Finkenberg, VOM Resident

1. **Call to Order:** about 7:37 PM
2. **Approval of June Minutes** – GK motions, JC seconds, all in favor
3. **Resident at Meeting** – Krishna Finkenberg has experience planting trees on a farm in upstate NY. Suggested planting younger and smaller trees as well as using more obvious staking around newly planted trees to protect them.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. 1040 Nautilus – property owner filed for permit to remove trees. Jerry denied application and owner appealed. Land Use records subsequently established that property has a Planning Board-approved landscaping plan, so Planning Board needs to review. GK motions to put review on hold until Planning Board reviews it. JC seconds motion. All in favor.
 - b. Email from 130 Beach regarding “implicit bias” in tree planting practices. GK replied that there is no ROW in areas that most desperately need trees (Washingtonville neighborhood) and asked for suggestions of addresses that could accommodate trees.
 - c. 130 Beach – discuss when Jerry is in attendance
 - d. 629 Fairway - requests meeting with TC rep about replacement tree
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Tree Law – Months ago, TC approved changes in law requested by Planning Board. Village attorney has comments addressing: TC’s intent

- i. a tree bank for Planning Board use only if applicant cannot provide space for replacement trees
 - ii. if tree falls because of natural causes then a permit should not be required. Discussion that photo documentation and report of tree falling because of natural causes should be required.
 - iii. Motion to approve TC's response to attorney.
 - iii. Tree Removal – Permit for tree removals should be posted on tree(s) the day the tree is to be removed.
- b. Tree nursery – 1 raised bed is available to start tree seeds at Bud Walker Park Community Garden. GK, in cooperation with science teacher, to plant tree seeds in 1 raised bed at Westchester Day School's garden. Trees can be donated to Community Resource Center for distribution.

6. New Business:

- a. VOM received grant for sidewalk improvement. Can that provide opportunities for tree planting sites on Halstead?
- b. Trees on Richbell Road have mulch piled up against bases of trunks. VOM to move mulch away from trunks
- c. Orienta Avenue near Sylvan Lane – VOM dead tree needs to be removed
- d. Cluster of mostly dead pines near 430 Orienta Avenue needs to be removed
- e. Beverley has list of public and private tree removals
- f. 515 Prospect – ROW tree was topped. Can violation be issued
- g. 705 The Parkway – tree removed on Saturday and reported as violation. Was violation issued?

7. **Next meeting:** will be a continuance of current agenda, at Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:30PM

8. **Adjourned:** for loss of quorum at 8:30 PM

Attachment 2
1505 Hillside regarding replanting requirement

Tue 8/2/2022 11:56 AM

Dear Mr
Barberio,

Please enlighten us specifically as to what in our
email of 6/7/22 caused you to deny our tree application of 7/1/2022.

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Hi,

I will be handing off your issue since you have, in my opinion, joined a small group of people in the Village who require extra attention from the BOT with your comments.

Before I go, I want to make sure that the approval you received in the past for the removal of 10 trees is fully executed by planting 10 trees as per our code and new tree law. The only reason for my denial was the email you sent on **6/7/22**:

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.**

Until that is resolved, I will deny any application for the removal of additional trees on your property.

Thank you,

Jerry Barberio
Village Manager
Village of Mamaroneck

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Dear Mr. Barberio, Mayor and Board of Trustees. and Tree
Committee

We would like to have this discussed by the Mayor and Board of Trustees and the Tree Committee. Why are you denying the approval of the tree application of 7/1/2022 contingent upon our buying, planting and maintaining new trees as a consequence for the cutting down of 10 dangerous trees (tree application of 3/10/2022) We are law abiding citizens and will do what the law tells us to do. Please consider this as an appeal. We are appealing your decision that a permit for cutting down our dangerous tree at 1505 Stoneybrook Ave will only be granted if and when we completely fulfill the requirements for the fulfillment of planting trees as a requirement in tree application dated 3/10/2022.

Carol & Henry Miller

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Hi,

If you plant the required trees from the prior approved application and tree removals, I will revisit the denial.

Thank you for understanding. JB

Jerry Barberio
Village Manager
Village of Mamaroneck

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On Jul 27, 2022, at 12:14 PM, hcmill29or@aol.com wrote:

Please be informed that we want permission to have our dangerous diseased tree taken down. We are at a loss in trying to figure why those responsible (Mayor, Village Board and/or Village Manager) in prolonging or denying this process would be jeopardizing our family's health, safety and welfare as well as that of our friends and adjoining neighbors' properties. Our tree removal application was delivered to you on 7/5/2022.

We are law abiding citizens.

We are also asking the Mayor & Board of Trustees, Village Manager along with the Tree Committee to consider changing or amending the tree law as it pertains to private property....(dangerous trees)

PLEASE SEE THREAD BELOW.

Thank you for your consideration.

Miller

Carol & Henry

Attachment 3
130 Beach regarding implicit bias etc.

Hi Gail,

Thank you for letting me know. If there are any other neighborhoods you would like me to create lists for please let me know.

I hope that this fall the TC will make it a priority to recommend planting large trees in these neighborhoods.

This morning I came across the 2019 TD Green Spaces Grant application for planting in underserved areas. In part it said "The proposed project is part of a larger initiative to plant additional trees and the village is committed to focusing on additional tree planting for low-to moderate income residents first as those residents tend to live near the major interstate, rail line and commercial hub within what is considered the Village's heat island."

Sincerely,

Stuart Tiekert

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Wed 8/3/2022 6:00 PM

Thank you for the list of recommended locations for trees.

Gail Koller
Co-Chair
Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee

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stuart tiekert

Tue 7/5/2022 6:53 AM

Dear Chairs and Members of the Tree Committee, I am writing to update my last two year's emails about implicit bias in tree planting, planting practices and BROW plantings because the problems persist. I have the Spring 22 Planting List from your 4/28/22 meeting.

Attachment 4
130 Beach Regarding tree nursery at bud walker park

Dear Chairs and members of the Tree Committee,

Please see below my communications to the HCZMC and Parks and Recreation.

At minimum, I hope the TC will consider alternative site locations and produce plans of how the project will be implemented.

Sincerely,

Stuart Tiekert

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: stuart tiekert <tiekerts@yahoo.com>
To: FloodMitigation <floodmitigation@vomny.org>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 at 06:12:15 AM EDT
Subject: Fw: Bub Walker Park Nursery

Dear Chair and Members of the Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee,

Please see the below communication to the HCZMC about a proposed tree nursery in Bub Walker Park.

Sincerely,

Stuart Tiekert

Dear Chair and Members of the Harbor and Coastal Zone Management Commission,

I am writing about the plan to create a tree nursery in Bub Walker Park, a discussion of it from the May Tree Committee agenda is below.

Bub Walker Park is a narrow strip of land that lies between the Sheldrake River and Interstate 95, it runs from Fennimore Avenue to Plaza Drive. Upon information and belief, a good percentage of the park lies in the [Regulatory Floodway](#) (floodway). The floodway has a higher standard of regulation than the Floodplain, "The floodway is that area that **must** be kept open to convey flood waters downstream."

At minimum I believe this project requires SEQRA review and a Floodplain Development Permit, neither of which, as far as I know have been initiated at this

time. Considering the proposed use, which will require the use of fertilizer and perhaps pesticides, and location, adjacent to a impaired waterway, I believe a consistency review of the plans by the HCZMC would also be beneficial.

Finally, I believe there are a number of alternative locations that would be more suitable from a horticultural, environmental and flood mitigation perspective. There are area in both the east basin and west basin of Harbor Island Park as well as the remediated Taylor's Lane site that come to mind.

Sincerely,

Stuart Tiekert

Attachment 5
Broken Stake in HIP

Jeff Ahne
Sun 7/31/2022 2:00 PM
Hi Gail

I'll take care of it tomorrow.

Watering is done mon-Fri depending on when watering truck made it to tree depends on wether or not it would be empty by the weekend

Thanks Jeff

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On Jul 31, 2022, at 9:22 AM, Gail Koller <gail.koller18@gmail.com> wrote:

I try to remove broken piece of stake that is still in the ground, but it is solidly in there. Also, the gator is empty. Tree is located closer to water than to Post Road.

Gail

Attachment 6
1000 Orienta Pruning

This would be a perfect application of the maintenance pruning budget. Beverley

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Koller, Gail
Mon 8/1/2022 2:49 PM
Hi Jerry,

I observed residents walking on the ROW because the sidewalk side of that length of Orienta has no shade. The dead branches are over the ROW.

Best,
Gail

Attachment 7
425 Hunter Request for ROW Tree Assessment, Possible Removal

Thank you so much for your response Mr. Barberio. I feel like COVID made everything go through a crazy time warp so I do understand how you might have missed my email. I appreciate you going to take a look at it.

If I am pushing my luck no worries but is there any way that while you are out there you can take a look at the street signs on Barbara Lane and replace the faded out one that states “no commercial vehicles can be parked here”. Again if I am overstepping I would understand if all you can do is help me with the tree. That is more important. Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response. Have a wonderful day.

Gina Calcagni

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On Aug 1, 2022, at 2:32 PM, Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org> wrote:

I am very sorry for missing this. I will take a look today. I really apologize.

I did an email search and you sent this on December 26, 2021:

Hello Mr. Barberio,

I live at 425 Hunter Street and there is a village owned tree in my front yard. This tree is very large and every time there is a storm I get concerned because it leans toward my house (my sons bedroom is in the front of the house so I get especially nervous when there is a windy storm). A tree company was at my neighbors home and one of the men told me I should cut the tree down because it is unhealthy and parts of it are dead. I am reaching out to you to ask if you could please have someone take a look at the tree and confirm if it indeed needs to be removed or if it is ok to leave as is. Thank you in advance for your help and attention to my concern.

Gina Calcagni
914-879-2233

Attachment 08



Attachment 09



Attachment 10
Halstead Sidewalk Improvements

Using structural soil under the pavement near any planting areas would both help the long-term health of the trees and also reduce the risk of sidewalk interference from the roots.

Beverley Sherrid

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Sun 7/31/2022 7:18 PM

Thank you. Everything helps!

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Daniel Sarnoff

Sun 7/31/2022 3:32 PM

Beverley

We will do our best. The bump outs may present the best opportunity.

Dan

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Beverley Sherrid

Fri 7/29/2022 6:07 PM

Hi Dan,

At last night's Tree Committee meeting, we discussed neighborhoods in VOM that have no suitable ROW for planting street trees.

I understand the Village recently won a grant for sidewalk improvements along Halstead Ave, one of the streets in particular need of tree canopy. In your planning for this project, would you include creating space for trees at regular intervals, please?

The street would be much more attractive and pleasant for pedestrians if it had a healthy tree canopy. And of course, residents would receive all the benefits such as lower summer temperatures, cleaner air, and rapid absorption of rainfall that trees convey.

Thank you for your consideration.

Beverley Sherrid

Attachment 11
Spotted Lantern Fly in VOM (two reports)

Tue 8/2/2022 12:03 PM

To:

- Jerry Barberio;
- TreeCom;
- Committee for the Enviroment

Cc:

- Mayor and Board;
- Department Heads;
- Kyle Troy

Photos attached of what I believe is a Spotted Laternfly just found on Harbor Island Beach (On the sand behind the Pavilion building).

Jason Pinto

From: Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2022 11:12 AM
To: TreeCom <TreeCom@vomny.org>; Committee for the Enviroment <cfte@vomny.org>
Cc: Mayor and Board <MayorandBoard@vomny.org>; Department Heads <DepartmentHeads@vomny.org>
Subject: Fw: Spotted Lanternfly Trap @ Columbus Park

FYI

From: Kyle Troy <ktroy@vomny.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 10:49 AM
To: Formichelli, Michael (AGRICULTURE) <Michael.Formichelli@agriculture.ny.gov>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>
Subject: Re: Spotted Lanternfly Trap @ Columbus Park

Hello all, I am out on a survey off for a separate invasive off Rushmore on Bleeker Ave and I have a lanternfly here. Attached the photo. Let me know if you need any information.

From: Formichelli, Michael (AGRICULTURE) <Michael.Formichelli@agriculture.ny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Kyle Troy <ktroy@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>
Subject: RE: Spotted Lanternfly Trap @ Columbus Park

Ms. Troy,

Thank you for the report and the photo. Do you have GPS coordinates?
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Michael Formichelli

Horticultural Inspector-1

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<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov>
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: Formichelli, Michael (AGRICULTURE) <Michael.Formichelli@agriculture.ny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 12:42:24 PM
To: Kyle Troy <ktroy@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>
Subject: RE: Spotted Lanternfly Trap @ Columbus Park

Ms. Troy,

First, my sincere apologies for getting the name wrong.

I'm unable to open the .heic (Our security software doesn't seem to like it and my alternative is a non-Apple device that can't read it). Is there any way to send it as a .jpg or .png?

Sorry for the inconvenience, and thank you for your assistance.

Michael Formichelli

Horticultural Inspector-1

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets | Division of Plant Industry
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From: Kyle Troy <ktroy@vomny.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:46 AM
To: Formichelli, Michael (AGRICULTURE) <Michael.Formichelli@agriculture.ny.gov>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>
Subject: Re: Spotted Lanternfly Trap @ Columbus Park

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See attached and it's Ms. Troy (name is misleading)

From: Formichelli, Michael (AGRICULTURE) <Michael.Formichelli@agriculture.ny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 7:59:20 AM
To: Kyle Troy <ktroy@vomny.org>; Jerry Barberio <jbarberio@vomny.org>; Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>
Subject: RE: Spotted Lanternfly Trap @ Columbus Park

Good morning Mr. Troy,

Yes a picture would be great. Thank you for the report.

I'll follow up once I have a look.

Michael Formichelli

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Hi Michael, my name is Kyle Troy and I run the Marine Education Center in Mamaroneck. I was on the email from earlier this year about the traps in Columbus Park. I have a siting at 540 Munro Avenue, Mamaroneck that was brought to my attention today. I have a picture If you need it. Just thought id let you know. Thank you.

Kyle Troy

Director/Naturalist

Marine Education Center