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**From:** stuart tiekert <tiekerts@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** TreeCom; TreeCom  
**Subject:** Tree Law

Dear Chairs and Members of the Tree Committee,

I am writing because I see there is a Special Meeting of the Tree Committee but there is no agenda on the website.

I don't know if I will be able to attend but if the meeting is about the proposed local law to rewrite the Village laws applying to trees I would like to make a couple of general comments.

While I have a lot of issues with how the law is written my biggest concern is that as written it strips the Tree Committee (TC) of meaningful authority over the management of Village Trees.

Without the language of Chapter 318 that *"It shall be the responsibility of the Tree Committee to study, investigate, develop and/or update annually and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas , with and estimate of the costs in hours to be worked by village employees and the cost of nursery stock to be used. Such plan shall be presented annually to the Village Board."* the TC's function can be reduced to being onlookers.

Thirty two years ago, the above language was included in the law to enable the Village to be a Tree City. The Tree City program requires that members have a "a qualifying ordinance is one that establishes the tree board or forestry department—or both—and gives one of them the responsibility for public tree care (as reflected in Standard 1). It should also assign the task of crafting and implementing a plan of work or for documenting annual tree care activities."

I urge the Board to consider returning the Chapter 318 language to the code so the Village tree programs can continue to evolve and improve as they have over the past decade.

Sincerely,.

Stuart Tiekert