

## FEBRUARY 17, 2022 MINUTES

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON FEBRUARY 17 AT 7:30PM

#### PRESENT:

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

1. Call to Order: 7:37PM
2. Approval of January Minutes – Approved
3. Tree committee expects to have a new member - Sara Mignano. She was welcomed although she was not able to attend the meeting.

#### 4. **Correspondence:**

130 Beach Street – ANSII standards cannot be posted on-line since they are copyrighted and we do not have permission to post them. The Village Hall has a printed copy. The new Tree Law is on the VOM website under “New Laws.”

1010 Orienta – Applicant submitted proposed new tree plantings.

#### 5. **Old Business:**

- a. 1523 Henry – There is no enforcement issue since the trees are not in a protected class. They were all under 8” in diameter.
- b. 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.

- c. Rye Neck Social Action Research – Students doing research on how to raise community awareness on the value of trees. The survey draft is in process. After the VOM and Jerry review it, the eblast will go out to the residents.
- d. New Tree Law Enforcement – The tree law is working – 3 properties were mentioned. 990 The Parkway to be reviewed by Jerry. 234 Stanley Ave, where a tree was removed and reported by a resident and a violation will be issued. 510 Courtlandt where a code enforcement ticket was issued for two trees that were cut down.
- e. Tree Inventory – Ideas were shared on how to help with this project. It was suggested that residents may want to help and Jerry Barberio can train people on how to identify trees. Apps to identify trees can help as well. Communications for this effort may be mentioned at the next tree walk or with flyers. This can possibly be a summer family activity. Communication will mention that village trees belong to everyone in the community.
- f. New Trees –The Tree Committee has a reduced list of 36 locations for new trees this spring. A site review is planned with Jeff Ahne on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- g. Tree Law – Awaiting approval of requested revisions by Board of Trustees.
- h. Tree Removal due to Con Ed Pruning –Marlene provided picture of a damaged tree. Nora suggested pictures be taken of all damaged trees and present them to the Board of Trustees. Matt is collecting data on this subject.
- i. Spring Tree Walk – A walk is planned to return to Florence Park starting at 1PM on May 1<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gail will check with Jocelyn to see if we can have two naturalists, if needed, depending on foreseeable demand.
- j. Tree Hotline – Marlene spoke to Dennis Drogan, the deputy building inspector, regarding the hotline and he is in favor of it. Further discussions will be had regarding implementation.

## **6. New Business:**

- a. Budget request of \$60K per annum for pruning mature trees was submitted to the Board of Trustees. This proposal would cover 67-100 trees a year which is a good start to the program. Beverley drafted a proposal for the Board of Trustees.
- b. Financial effects of planting trees. Matt is preparing this in order to inform VOM residents. Benefits include energy costs savings as well as other advantages.

- c. The Committee for The Environment is currently working on a grant application to create pollinator gardens throughout the Village along the river banks and other Village owned open space areas. The application requires planting along the bank of a river, creek or stream so this would fit nicely with what is needed for VOM. The VOM planting of trees will require volunteer assistance. Jerry Barberio is aware of this grant and he felt it was simpatico with the Army Corp of Engineers project.
  - d. Tree Tags Project was approved and will be headed by Gail. Sample tags will identify tree and its care. The tags will be reusable, display VOM logo and will hang loosely from the trees.
  - e. Trees For America Brochure, Arbor Day Foundation request. Marlene shared information and requested we plan an Arbor Day event to coincide with VOM Clean and Green, Saturday, April 30th.
  - f. Importance of Trees online information was shared by Marlene.
  - g. A book discussion was suggested for "Entangled Life" - How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures" by Merlin Sheldrake. Author visit and talk at Mamaroneck Library was suggested.
7. Next meeting Thursday, March 10th, 2022 at 7:30PM
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