

## 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