

9/19/2022

**Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee
19 September 2022 MINUTES**

***Approval of the August 11, 2022 Minutes** (*Attachment 1*)

7:41 Review of last months minutes

Prior minutes approved as amended

Welcome Krishna Finkenberg, resignation of Matt

No public comments

***Committee Members**

Welcome to new committee member Krishna Finkenberg

Resignation of Matt Tollefsen

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

***Correspondence**

820 Pirates' Cove Regarding Replanting Requirement (*Attachment 2*)

Has permit, requesting pass not to plant. Re-occurring issue, does this result in a violation? Jerry to negotiate.

130 Beach Regarding Tree Nursery (*Attachment 3*)

Defer to Gayle when she returns.

127 Highview Street (neighbor) (*Attachment 4*)

Dennis Drogan (Asst Bldg Inspector) protected, greater than 8 inches, cleared vegetation Dennis wrote a violation

Any more removals would require a permit. Email was sent to resident who called in. Lot is rented, owner passed away. Village to remove hazardous tree. Site looks active for building dept.

***Old Business**

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

Mulch mounds, continuing problems

Landscapers don't know any better (*Attachment 5*)

Requested Jeff to move it, mounds were still existing, mulch should be away from root flare. Drove by yesterday and it's still there.

Requests for tree removals (*Attachments 6, 6A, 6B*)

James in DPW requesting a consolidated list of trees that should come down around the village. Street number (closest to tree), tree issue/ comment. Photograph of tree.

900 Halstead Order To Remove (*Attachment 7*)

Public and Private Tree Removals, Applications, Violations

- Cumulative list of VOM tree removals (*Attachment 8*)

Review of list, reference of where to plant new trees. Private property tree property removal signs to eliminate concern if a tree is approved for removal/ permits posted.

- VOM list of tree removal permits (Attachment 9)

Tree Law

- 1) *Provides framework for Planning Board to work with developers. Sometimes a tree is not possible for it to grow on new developments. Proposed tree bank to pay into for use of Planning Board, if generally available will defeat canopy concept of village infrastructure.*
 - 2) *Trustee request, if a tree falls down in a wind storm, not an individual's fault. Documentation is required to show up root. As law is written, a retroactive permit is needed, in this situation. Photo documentation is satisfactory and a permit is not needed in this instance. Revised law was sent for same day approval, incorrectly. Village attorney did not accurately reflect and this will be taken up again in October.*
- Permits to be posted by property owners?
 - Proposed revisions by BOT (Attachment 10)
 - Question about tree permits and BAR approval (Attachment 11)
Board of Architectural review approvals are not a permit. Applications do not clearly show if trees need to be removed. Does the building permit address if there will be tree removal. This should fall under the Building Inspector domaine, is that procedure occurring right now. How is this implemented?

Maintenance Pruning Plan

New budget! Budget for pruning this year for healthy, safe trees. Trustees added this new budget line. Jerry and James Barney are managing this.

- Palmer Terrace @ Palmer pruning request (Attachment 12)
- 322 Prospect Pruning request (Attachments 13, 13A, 13B, 13C)

Photos of tree submitted, need to prune right angle branches

Fall Planting

First draft for new locations. Lots of new locations with bare root are possible on Frank, Wagner, Prospect, others. Places that haven't had trees. Reduced cost for the smaller trees, 30K budget and 300 trees (excludes labor). Double the budget now. If VOM plants the trees, labor is free. 300 trees may be too many for VOM and labor may be outsourced.

30 ball and burlap, 270 bare root.

Campaign for new trees, press release to the Patch etc.

- List in process

Metro north evergreen screen, Bishop North, B&B flowering trees to provide immediate canopy.

- Both B&B and bare root
- VOM will contact property owners before planting in ROW

Letters to go out for approvals so residents can decline now.

Goal to plant end of November early December (after VOM leaf season) best tree planting time is when they are dormant, prefreeze.

Book Discussion Update

“The Hidden Life of Trees”

Thursday night discussion, women offered to plant the trees Commission for the Environment. Status of CFTE grant request for pollinators near the waterway. Emailed Ellen, grant was declined. Potential to collaborate extra funding to this project!

10-12 Zoom for book discussion, lively discussion. How they live, how they relate to each other and what they need in an accessible format.

*New Business

Maintenance Pruning

Redundant

Tree Walk – tentatively October 30, rain date November 6

Guided tree walk

Citizen Pruners Workshop – schedule date (Fall)

George Proufous will lead the workshop, late October or early November

@ Harbor Island Park with George/NYState Forester 11/5

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

- Reschedule November meeting

Combined Nov/Dec meeting for Monday, December 19th 7:30PM

*Calendar Notes

- Tree Walk tentatively October 30
- Citizen Pruners Workshop TBA
- November meeting TBA