

November 10, 2020 MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY ON November 10, 2020 AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT:

Beverley Sherrid, Co-Chair	Marlene Star
Gail Koller, Co-Chair	Dan Sarnoff, asst village manager
Sean Gormley	Nora Lucas, Trustee/TC Liaison
Wendy Zoland	
Tristan Kincaid, resident	
Stuart Tiekert, resident	
Joe Colombo	

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes from August meeting deferred until next meeting pending transcription by Nora of zoom call.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

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*Comments from Residents

Stuart Tiekert asked about trees tested for wilt. Tests came back negative. _

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*Correspondence

305 Fourth St. – Request to remove large tree, replace with small one denied because tree is healthy.

320 Bishop et al – Jerry asking MetroNorth if VoM can replace removed trees on Bishop with arbor vitae.

130 Beach Ave – declaration of implicit racial bias in tree site selection. Sean and Beverley point out challenges of planting in Washingtonville due to narrow ROW. Ordinance would allow VOM to plant on private property with owners' approval.

*Old Business

Tree Ordinance update

Public hearing postponed pending review of land use boards' comments and additional public comments.

Revised list of Recommended Species to be referred to in ordinance.

Fall planting relocating redbuds to 419 Hinman, 356 Florence and The Parkway. Use mulch rings for new trees

Planning board wants planting guidelines from TreeCom. Revisit next month

*New Business

Larchmont Nursery donated trees to be planted. Beverley suggests photos to promote this.
NY Environmental Conservation webinar attended by Gail on getting tree ordinances passed.
Underscores importance of tree inventory
Initiative to get ConEd to bury power lines. Beverley says neighborhood groups need to join together to lobby state officials.
Harbor Island Conservancy. Beverley joined as TreeCom liaison.

Tree Maintenance Issues

Maintenance:

522 Orienta median leaning tree
703 and other trees at Palmer Court – remove dead branches
[119 W. Boston Post Road](#), Water Treatment Plant, stump for removal
Johnson Ave. Oaks need treatment
312 Prospect – Gail to speak with resident about mesh around tree

Trees for Evaluation and/or Removal:

640 E. BPR on N. Barry, leaning small tree hit by car should be removed
235 S. Barry Ave, small dead tree should be removed
[300 W. Boston Post Road](#), small dead tree to remove
[119 W. Boston Post Road](#), Water Treatment Plant, 2 dying street trees
Harbor Island Park entrance to drive. Leave for now
HIP near Firemen's Memorial: remove Bradford Pear from limbs of healthy evergreen
433 Beach. Evaluate storm damage
163 Fulton on Woodbine. Remove dead tree
Orienta Ave @ Sylvan, median. Remove dead tree
710 The Parkway. Dead tree on median to be replaced.

Violations from July meeting

427 E BPR tree topping (Dunkin Donuts) and 717 The Parkway. Checking if violations were sent.

Westchester County may plant new trees on County property

Water Treatment Plant, southwest side and driveway
Site reviewed 10/2. Need to ensure no pipes under sites.
Rushmore Ave new sewage treatment installation

Grant for tree maintenance: Denied. Will try again.

Guided Tree Walk October 18

Advertising helped, approximately 20 in attendance
Citizen Pruner list Gail compiled.
Significant tree list Joe to draft process for residents to nominate trees for list.

Tree inventory Marlene and Wendy to strategize with Jerry

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Calendar Notes

Citizen Pruner workshop, Sat. Nov. 14 10-2 Meet by HIP tennis bubble lot
Next regular meeting Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:15 pm