

TREE ADVISORY BOARD
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

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MEMBERS: TONY BARDES; CHARLES DAY; KORY RIESTERER; GORDON ROBERTSON; JENNIFER ZWARICH

1/6/2016

MEETING MINUTES

7:30pm Village Hall

Present: Tony Bardes, Charles Day, Kory Riesterer, Gordon Robertson, Jennifer Zwarich.

Summary:

Meeting opened at 7:36 pm.

Review of application: Melissa Santos of 54 Parrott Street. J. Zwarich gave brief overview of application: public notice had been given in paper of record, sign attached to tree, etc. She also reviewed the criteria for removal TAB had discussed during their previous preliminary review of the application, and asked for further comments. The floor was opened for public comment. No members of the public in attendance. Before making a motion to vote on the application J. Zwarich repeated TAB's reasoning for approval of Santos application on the conditions 1) \$500 replacement fee 2) the applicant cover cost of removal and that site be made ready for planting. Considering the Santos family's hardship a local tree professional had volunteered to remove the tree for free and J. Zwarich will follow up. Application was approved 5-0. J. Zwarich said she would present the approved application to VBOT at next Tuesday's meeting.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the **definition of 'site ready'** for future applications. G. Robertson and T. Bardes both felt TAB should come up with some definition or guidelines as to what this means to mitigate potential confusion: that replacement tree be planted adjacent to original tree location and if so how far? If in the exact same location some time will be needed to allow for remaining roots to rot, etc. Grinding and grubbing ideal since pulling stumps out can often damage neighboring sidewalks. C. Day brought up issue that even stump grinding/ grubbing will leave wood chips/shavings that would need to be removed and replaced with fresh soil as site will otherwise be nitrogen poor for replanting. J. Zwarich felt TAB should allow flexibility in determining 'site ready' on a case by case basis. TAB agreed to discuss further at next regularly scheduled meeting 1/27/16.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 7:47 pm.