

**TREE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING**

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

3/30/2016

MEETING MINUTES  
8:00pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

Meeting opened at 8:11 pm.

2/24/16 minutes approved 4-0.

Thanks to G. Robertson for folding hand saw donations to TAB members!

OLD BUSINESS

J. Zwarich updated briefly on Cedar Street property development: northern row of yew hedge fully on village property but Black Walnut tree on property line so both parties share ownership. New resident desires to keep both the Walnut and the hedging row so there is no conflict of interest there.

Arbor Day celebration: tentatively scheduled for Friday 4/30 5:00pm. VBOT and Mayor will be invited. Local Scout troops also invited again to participate. Pamphlet with general tree information to be distributed again this year, etc.

TMP draft work will be resumed after Arbor Day celebration. J. Zwarich reminded TAB of need to amend list of approved street trees and pruning standards (e.g. include a more technical manual of arboriculture standards). She also passed out copies of Ithaca's solar panel policy regarding tree removal for TAB to review before next meeting as potential template. G. Robertson reminded TAB to begin process of posting a call for interested arborists in local papers before finalizing list of trees identified for priority pruning based on updated Tree Inventory Survey. J. Zwarich will share list of priority trees at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Phillips from Recreation Commission stopped by briefly to discuss screening of electrical box at waterfront. C. Day verified Plum Yew selection and J. Zwarich reported she could pick up at next nursery run. Budget for trees also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS resumed

TAB members updated on their projects. C. Day passed out sample tree walking tour brochures he's compiled for Wave Hill public garden in the Bronx. He also passed out a list of 10 sample trees to include on self-guided walking tour in Cold Spring he is currently working on. K. Riesterer will research ordering permanent name

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labels for the trees on the tour for public's easy identification. She will cover cost of labels as a donation to project. C. Day will bring sample labels used at Wave Hill to next meeting for TAB members to determine size etc.

G. Robertson showed TAB members the donated tree tags he ordered for unique tree ID numbers. Following brief discussion, TAB agreed to keep Tree Inventory Survey numbers already assigned rather than renumber trees sequentially. Many thanks to Gordon for this donation!

**NEW BUSINESS**

J. Zwarich reported Greg Phillips has asked TAB for input on screening near water treatment plant adjacent to Mayor's Park. J. Zwarich and C. Day will review site and provide suggestions. The trees must be evergreens given issues with leaf drop so close to treatment plant. Neighbors have complained about view of the new pump station.

J. Zwarich also discussed possibility of installing a small flower bed in front of a possible new "Welcome to Cold Spring" sign at southern end of town just past the Foundry Bridge/Downey Oil Company. G. Robertson will reach out to Highlands Garden Club members to determine if they are interested in donating and /or collaborating on planting and maintaining a flower bed here.

J. Zwarich reported that a professional mason has generously agreed to donate labor to install Belgian Block borders around two designated tree pits on Main Street. These will serve as sample models for future tree pit borders. J. Zwarich will install sample wood borders around narrow pit of two Tree Lilac trees (*Syringa reticulata*) outside Whistling Willie's. G. Robertson will make sample metal hoops borders for these beds. This is all testing in preparation for the beautification zones on Main Street which will be a TAB project after the Main Street sidewalk project is completed.

TAB agreed to discuss more in-depth what to prioritize in TMP over next 5 years based on inventory survey at next scheduled meeting 4/27.

T. Bardes will also update on his movable Main Street container project idea at next meeting.

J. Zwarich reported T. Bardes dealt with correspondence from resident of 207 Main while she was away regarding a large "widowmaker" limb in Sycamore tree behind their garage. T. Bardes coordinated with village clerk and verified the tree is on First Presbyterian Church property and recommended the resident contact the church directly.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 9:30 pm.