

1/25/2017
MEETING MINUTES
8:00pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:40 pm.

Approval of 11/30/16 meeting minutes passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Main Street sidewalk project improvement zone planning: JZ reports receiving 2 more checks towards the project; she is meeting with the R&G to get things underway with tree pit guard rails. Bijou Galleries has also donated \$900 towards a tree pit and dedication plaque.
2. Highway crew planted 16 street trees total in village this fall and early winter. This included 3 trees planted on Haldane campus in a mutually beneficial arrangement with the school to save and transplant to village streets several young trees growing on school property that were slated to be cut down to make way for additional parking.
3. DEC grant application – JZ reported attending the Jan 5th webinar about filling out application online – she has begun application which is due March 1st. Village is eligible for 11-50K max in funding. There are 2 types of grants – an inventory/management plan grant and a planting/maintenance grant. The maintenance grant has a 25% matching fund requirement which the VBOT will need to approve.
4. Miscellaneous updates:
 - a) TAB members JZ, KR, GR, TB attended the Dec 15th “Managing Street Trees” workshop in White Plains along with Ken Trimble who attended as the designated representative of the HWY department. Everyone agreed it was a worthwhile training. TB mentioned possibly doing an in-house workshop on tree planting for village HWY crew – he has volunteered to do this. When the space opens up at the HWY dept. for tree/supply storage TAB will schedule a spring workshop. CD and TB are both licensed and trained professionals who could offer valuable training in such workshop at no cost to the village. JZ noted that there have been some scheduling issues with HWY dept. re: village tree work and she’d need to speak with Chris Hyatt, the new HWY foreman, to discuss. GR also broached idea of TAB submitting work orders to mayor/village clerk for tree work the HWY crew can do, allowing for easier scheduling and streamlining the process. He felt the mayor/trustees should see that work orders (like pruning, mulching etc) are fulfilled since TAB has no actual power to authorize village work etc. TAB is simply an advisory board – VBOT is responsible for authorizing and ensuring work orders get done. TAB members agreed it was a good idea to treat tree work as one would any other maintenance work that needed to be done on village property.

- b) Main St. sidewalk project tree delay – no further updates were reported at this time. Negotiations with the contractor are happening and the village is considering it's options.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5. Avenues for information sharing with the public: TAB discussed running a monthly article in both papers, possibly rotating press releases. It was agreed to check with trustees first on this idea.
- 6. Correspondence:
 - a) Correspondence from Charlie Merando of 69 Chestnut street regarding 2 Norway Maples in front of his property, requesting removal due to sewer line interference and dead limbs. JZ reported that she advised the village clerk to have the HWY department look at and see if they could take care of the limbs noted in correspondence or if they needed a tree professional and also asked the village clerk to send Mr. Merando a Tree Cutting application for tree removal to fill out.
- 7. Public comment:
 - a. Barney Molloy commented in regard to the DEC grant process that partnering with the Fjord Trail project / Empire State Trail might be possible as village falls within the NYS Greenway. He gave JZ the name of someone to contact along these lines. Molloy also commented in support of the monthly work order idea as an efficient way to advise the VBOT on tree related work outstanding.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 8:46 pm.