

3/22/2017
MEETING MINUTES
7:30pm Village Hall

Present: Tony Bardes (TB), Charles Day (CD), Kory Riesterer (KR), Gordon Robertson (GR), Jennifer Zwarich (JZ).

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:45pm.

Approval of 2/27/17 meeting minutes with two minor changes by GR passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Miscellaneous Updates:

- a) Main St. Sidewalk Project improvement zone – JZ will discuss timeline with R&G Wrought Iron pending input from VBOT regarding snow removal protocol. See item 2.
- b) Cold Spring Boat Club cooperative project proposal – VBOT was agreeable to considering a planting plan when JZ gave update at last monthly meeting. TAB also discussed 1-2 possible shade trees for area in back of boat club where grass is.
- c) Water Dept. plantings: JZ updated that Greg Philips wants to return to plan to screen new water treatment facility and plant this spring. GR asked if may be possible to combine/time orders for plant stock with boat club order for cost savings. JZ also reminded board members of the possibility of ordering bare root tree stock from Schichtell's Nursery in upstate NY in bulk as cost saving measure. Potential to team up with other small towns in area (like Rhinebeck) and piggyback on their tree orders for cost savings.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Assessment of recent tree damage by snow removal equipment and action plan for collaboration with HWY Dept. on snow removal procedures to prevent future damage. GR recommended requesting that VBOT provide TAB with a written outline of official village snow removal procedure for review. TAB recognizes that snow removal is imperative to maintain public safety and should be prioritized, but it is TAB's duty to protect village trees/assets and a workable plan to do both is possible. TAB cannot protect trees by installing tree guards around tree pits without knowing formal protocol for snow removal on village sidewalks and around public trees in the village. TAB members all agreed on this plan of action and JZ will send a letter to VBOT to this effect.
3. Arbor Day 2017 planning: official date is 4/28, 5:30pm. Girl & Boy Scouts have again agreed to participate.
4. Spring Maintenance and planting plans: TAB needs to create spring maintenance list besides pruning work! Additional items to include should be a) walking tour brochure and corresponding labels to launch in May and b) set date for mulch donation delivery at HWY lot but cars need to be removed first from location, c) collaborate with HWY for a training session on tree planting standards and maintenance.
5. Correspondence – 4 letters were discussed:

- a) Chris from HWY dept emailed about contacting county to see if village could use the County Tree Crew for one day's worth of pruning work – at least until grant for trees comes through.
 - b) Mr. Merando of 69 Chesnut St. submitted a second letter dated March 5 (previous letter submitted in December). He is seeking funds from village to cover cost of damage to sewer pipe and removal dangerous dead limb and possible removal of 2 village trees. GR noted village officials should lead response to funds claim, not TAB, and HWY should immediately be notified to remove limb. JZ noted the mayor and HWY has already been notified of limb upon receipt of letter. If HWY crew cannot do the work then village needs to turn to approved arborist work list. JZ noted that TAB still does not have such a list since no arborists/tree professionals submitted their names when TAB publicly noticed. Therefore, TAB needs to solicit professionals directly to create the list. TAB members all agreed.
 - c) A letter was received from 37 Church St. regarding Woodpecker damage on a tree. JZ told VBOT this is one of the trees on TAB's list of 5 trees needing immediate removal.
 - d) A letter was also received from 38 Garden St. about yet another of the 4 remaining trees on TAB's immediate removal list.
6. Public Comment – none.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 8:53 pm.