

TREE ADVISORY BOARD
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

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

4/26/2017

MEETING MINUTES

7:30pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:40pm.

Approval of 3/22/17 meeting minutes passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Miscellaneous Updates on current projects:

- a) Cold Spring Boat Club is proceeding with project and approved a shade tree at the site. Waiting on price numbers. VBOT approved plan. TAB discussed Bayberry native species sizing/numbers.
- b) Wastewater Treatment Plant has removed sick hemlocks and is ready to plant 4 White Pines and 14 hardy Arborvitae. *Thuja occidentalis* 'Techny' is not available for purchase so TAB discussed replacing with different species, tbd.

****At this point in meeting Mary Saari briefly interrupted to allow Charles Day and Kory Riesterer to sign Oaths of Office renewing their terms on TAB.**

- c) Sidewalk grant update: the contractor will finally plant the trees to complete the Main Street Sidewalk project on 4/28!
 - d) Main St. improvement zone update: JZ has gotten additional pricing for pavers.
 - e) VBOT has requested TAB spend down the line item for tree maintenance/removal by taking down as many of the trees on the priority list from July 2016 as possible with remaining funds.
 - f) Arbor Day celebration scheduled for April 28, 5:30pm: Girl Scouts will write poems and Boy Scouts will chalk stencil sidewalks. A Hawthorne "Winter King" tree will be planted at 15 High St. in front of Impellizieri residence. JZ to coordinate decorating etc.
2. Schedule planting and maintenance standards workshop for HWY crew tentatively for May 21, 5-6 pm. Also, the tree care area at HWY dept. site has been cleared– TB dumped donated mulch load there for TAB use to fix up the area. Charlie Norton is the new HWY foreman. Discussion re: installing soaker hoses in the area and storing Gator tree watering bags ensued, as well as time for TAB members to meet and clean up site.

NEW BUSINESS

3. TAB moved May meeting to 5/17.
4. Possible Chamber of Commerce collaboration on fundraising for Main St. beautification: JZ reported that Jack Goldstein (new Chamber member) would like the Chamber to be involved in this. JZ will give him plan details/info as well as cost estimates and keep TAB updated on feedback and next steps.
5. Correspondence – 3 letters were discussed:
 - a) Mayor informed TAB re: broken planters at foot of Main St. – River Architects and Figureground Studio will collaborate pro bono to redesign the planters for better stormwater management. They will

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give VBOT a general rendering or sketch with ballpark cost estimate. Grants are possible for this kind of work (such as from organization "Trees for Tribs").

b) 230 Main St. Yew trees-Tree Cutting Application – TAB began a brief preliminary discussion re: resident application for public tree removal and discussed need for site visit before hearing.

c) Sweetgum tree beside Hudson Hills building appears to have been illegally pruned. Trustees witnessed the pruning and asked the TAB for feedback and the building inspector to investigate a possible citation/fine . TAB advised that the pruning cuts need to be corrected, but luckily did not destroy structure of tree beyond ability to correct. TAB also noted that no tree cutting application had been filed/no approval was granted for this. JZ will check with Bill Bujarski on status of enforcement.

7. JZ happily reported that an anonymous donor has offered to finish the tree pit landscaping in front of C&E hardware store!
8. Public Comment – none.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 9:12 pm.