

VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING
Advisory Committee to Develop a Tree Ordinance and Tree Management Plan

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04/07/2014
MEETING MINUTES

7:30 PM Butterfield Library

Present: Rich Franco, Mary Saari, Donald MacDonald, Dana Bol, Tony Bardes,
Kathleen Foley, Jennifer Zwarich

Meeting began at 7:40

First we reviewed misc updates and news since last meeting.

- 1) Discussed our upcoming public input session and presentation for the Trustees and went over the duties of this advisory committee—limited to developing a tree management plan and ordinance. The tree board will be one of the “tools” of the management plan. The management plan at this stage is a blueprint—a roadmap and overarching “vision” for management of public trees. The technical details (maintenance standards manual, prioritized action list, etc) will be fleshed out by the permanent tree board once it is established.
- 2) Tony gave an overview of his idea for engaging the “code” springer club in developing an App for mapping and organizing information on the village’s public trees. He is researching how it might be developed.
- 3) JZ reported on Tony’s idea of timing our celebratory “roll out” of the management plan with the planting of the 5 new trees on Main St this May. All agreed this is a good idea. JZ said Stephanie will coordinate timing and is discussing idea with village.
- 4) JZ reported that she had checked on the tree nursery and the key is missing, two tubes are knocked over but otherwise looks good. The group discussed getting a combination lock for the gate instead of current system. JZ will follow up with highway department.
- 5) Kathleen discussed her idea of putting together a volunteer rotating to care for

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Main St tree beds (weeds!) in this interim period before a tree board is established. All agreed this is a good idea. May need to skip mulching or look into alternate ideas this season due to inadequate tree bed borders allowing mulch to wash away and clog the village's storm drains. JZ mentioned that addressing Main Street tree bed borders is high on the priority list of things we could do with a grant or outside fundraising.

Feedback/editing of 4.05.2014 circulated draft of Tree Management Plan.

-We then spent the entire rest of the meeting going over the draft page by page and discussing various additions and changes.

Adjourned @ 9:32

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