

10/3/2025

Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee
8 October 2025 Agenda

***DRAFT Minutes of 8 October 2025** (*Attachment 1*)

***Comments from Residents** (*Please limit in-person comments to 3 minutes*)

***Correspondence**

- 718 Prospect sidewalk obstruction (Attachment 2)
- 100 Sheldrake Place tree trimming (Attachment 3)
- 1314 Franklin Ave re- Tree Trimming, (Attachment 4)

***Old Business**

Maintenance

- Update list sent to James Barney 10/2 (Attachment 5)

VOM Budgets for Seasonal Pruning and Reforestation (Attachment 6)

Tree Law

- Replacement Plantings Enforcement (Ellen Silver)

New Trees

- New planting strip E Post Road @ Harrison Ave (Sara)
 - o Private donation; trees to be planted spring 2026

Heritage Trees

- 16 submissions to date (theoretically closed 9/30)

Public Education

- Fall Tree Walk October 26, rain date November 2, 1:00 pm

Streetscapes FCWS

*** New Business**

Damage to trees

- Volcano Mulching dilemma (Addition 7)
- Trimmer Damage (Attachment 8)

Mamaroneck Ave Tree Wells That Need To Be Widened

- No response

*** Other Business**

- Need to prune on Stanley, especially #538 (November)

***Calendar Notes**

- Nov 5, 2025, next meeting
- Oct 26, 1:00 pm, Guided Tree Walk; rain date Nov 2, meet at Claflin & Bleeker

**Attachment 1
Draft Minutes Village of Mamaroneck Tree
Committee
September 10, 2025**

Time Start: 7:39 **Time End:** 9:20

Next meeting: October 8, 2025

Present: Gail Koller, Beverly Sherrid, Lilia Ramos-Dries, Michelle Goodman Kramer, Sara Mignano, Wendy Zoland, Leslie Lam

Approval of minutes as amended: Unanimous

Comments by Residents: None

Correspondence:

- Mature tree taken down at 203 South Barry; resident would like to know reasons for DPW decision.
- Citizen follow up on 100 Sheldrake Place pruning (original request spring 2024)

Old Business:

Maintenance Update:

- Correspondence with Jeff Ahn. High rate of tree deaths on newly planted trees, some after the gator bags. Watering started late, very dry summer. James has asked for an additional worker for next year to assist in watering of trees/plants.

Tree Law Update:

- Tree damage at Harbor Island Tupelo due to grass trimming – lets plant Allegheny Spurge or something like “Plantra trunk saver mower, trimmer guard” or other trunk guards that can be removed after a few years. OR immediately mulch after planting to create safe circle surrounding tree.

Action Items:

- When applicable, Sara and Beverly to attend Budget Meeting on the positive effect trees have on community/flooding/temp and effects on citizen and traffic
- Email to Jeff about maintenance:
 - o 951 Boston Post Road ROW requires more soil on new tree roots
 - o Jensen and Keeler 1102 Keeler Street tree needs pruning
 - o 100 sheldrake place needs tree pruning
 - o 400 Carroll needs stump grinding
 - o Dead tree at Carvel on North Barry
- Lilia will assign “Maintenance List” to items for each tree member to check for completion ASAP
- Share Heritage Hunt to social media via the Environmental Committee
- Gail will email Sally about tree walk dates to see if they are available
- Leslie will make and share Heritage Tree flyer on social media

- 1011 Grecean Point Tree removal letter for planning board presented.

New Trees:

- Jeff reviewed the list and removed 3 from the across from the post office; will follow up because the 2 current trees there have died, or wait until meeting with Beautification Committee
- No tree protection has been added in the Guion Bird Sanctuary; followed up with Jeff A.

Heritage Trees: We have received several nominations; we will ask the Committee for the Environment to send out our heritage tree nomination sheet.

Public Education: Gail has created a PDF; small edits were suggested and will be added.

New Business:

- Streetscapes – dates provided for possible training 10/7, 10/7, 10/9 ** preferred time 11-1pm

Maintenance:

- 951 Boston Post Road ROW requires more soil on new tree roots
- Jensen and Keeler 1102 Keeler street tree needs pruning
- 100 sheldrake Place trees need pruning
- 400 Carol needs stump grinding; citizen would like to request a new tree as soon as possible. Fall tree list has already been sent; will go onto spring list.

Tree Walk: Proposed dates are October 26th and rain date November 2nd

Attachment 2
Sidewalk Obstruction 718 Prospect Ave.

> Hello Beverley,

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> I hope you are well. The tree you had planted in front of my house is beautiful. I love it and thank you so much.

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> On another note, the house on Prospect Ave. which you can't miss looks like a mess. The responsible party should be told they aren't allowed to plant shrubs on the strip of grass closest to the street. I would think that strip of grass should be neat and well manicured. The shrubs should be planted elsewhere on their property. Please keep my name anonymous.

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> Thank you in advance.

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> My best,

(Name Withheld By Request)

Attachment 3
100 Sheldrake Place Pruning Request from 2024

From: Lauren Alperin <laspen9@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 9:10 AM

To: Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>; treecomm@vomny.com

Cc: laur.alperin@gmail.com; Michelle Goodman <mgoodman@vomny.net>; smignano@commy.net; ismolicz@hotmail.com

Subject: Re: Tree Pruning

Thank you. Sharing picture to detail the growth of just one town tree.
Can we confirm beginning of November



asap?

Hi Lauren,

Unfortunately the Tree Committee doesn't control the pruning decisions of Village Trees. That is the responsibility of the James Barney and the Department of Public Works.

I can assure you that we are following up this month with a number of tree maintenance requests to him. We'll do our best to get the 100 Sheldrake Place trees taken care of this season.

If you'd like to contact James directly, it might add some urgency to our committee's request. His email is jbarney@vomny.org. Please send a copy to the Asst Village Manager, Dennis Delborge, at DDelborge@vomny.org

FYI your emails to Sara Mignano are not going through because she is having technical problems with her village mailbox. The rest of us are receiving your mail.

Best wishes,
Beverley

Attachment 4
1314 Franklin Ave re: Tree Trimming

Dear Beverley,

Thank you so much for clarifying the process and adding our request to the monthly maintenance list for the Department of Public Works. We truly appreciate your support.

Best regards,

/Ko

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Dear Ko Family,

Unfortunately the Tree Committee doesn't control the inspections or pruning decisions of Village Trees. That is the responsibility of the James Barney and the Department of Public Works.

We will add it to the monthly maintenance requests list we send to DPW, and do our best to follow up.

If you'd like to contact James directly, it might add some urgency to our committee's request. His email is jbarney@vomny.org. Please send a copy to the Asst Village Manager, Dennis Delborge, at DDelborge@vomny.org.

Best wishes,
Beverley

Dear Beverley Sherrid
Chairman VOM Tree Committee

I am writing to respectfully request the trimming of the tree located on the sidewalk at 1314 Franklin Avenue due to safety concerns as we enter the hurricane season.

The tree's overhanging branches present a potential hazard during strong storms. I am particularly concerned that falling branches could cause property damage or personal injury if not addressed promptly.

I kindly ask the Committee to review this request and consider scheduling a professional inspection and trimming at the earliest convenience to help reduce the risk during this storm season.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter and for your continued efforts to maintain the safety and beauty of our community. Please let me know if any additional information are needed.

Sincerely,

/Ko 832-877-6226

Village of Mamaroneck - Tree Inspection and Action List

Street Addresses

400 Carroll — stump in ROW (removal); large tree in ROW in need of pruning — branches falling

302 Hunter on Rose Lane — Bradford pear tree, leaning over street (ConEd), dropping limbs, decay (removal)

641 Halstead on N. Barry — dead tree (removal)

1102 Keeler Street — dead branch near powerline (pruning)

540 & 550 Lawn Terrace — 3 London planes, mold/fungus (fuzzy) on multiple leaves (treatment needed)

236 Melbourne (ROW) — tree needs to be inspected; dying new tree (removal)

320 Melbourne — dead crabapple tree (removal)

100 Sheldrake Place — ROW trees blocking sidewalk, encroaching on patio space (pruning/clearance)

1040 Seven Oaks Lane — three new cherries, decay at bottom (inspection)

811 Shore Acres Drive (across the street) — prune overhanging dead branches; prune dead wood from young tree (pruning)

734 Guion Drive on S. Barry (sidewalk side) — formerly healthy, tree suddenly dying (inspection)

424 Tompkins — dead central limbs, fungus growing from trunk base (removal)

588 The Parkway, median — mature cherry, decay at bottom (inspection)

Corner of N. Barry on Carvel's sidewalk — dead tree (removal)

Major Intersections & Landmarks

Mount Pleasant & Palmer Avenue (empty lot) — 2 new hornbeam trees (removal)

On Mt. Pleasant Av. across from Le Provencal — two dead new trees (removal)

On Orienta Av. (North of Bleeker, ROW) — dead new tree (removal)

Harbor Island Park (HIP) Locations

HIP circle at pavilion — 1 new cherry tree (removal)

HIP drive to pavilion — some trees need pruning

HIP East Basin playground — dead tree (removal)

HIP entrance at The Shack — 1 dead tree (removal)

HIP entrance drive & parking — 1st & 3rd trees struggling (inspection)

HIP path to pavilion, park side — 3 cherry trees dead (removal)

HIP path to pavilion, water side — 3 new cherry trees dead (removal)

HIP Rushmore btwn Orienta & Hall — 3 dead new tupelo trees (removal)

HIP West Basin btwn 1 & 2nd, 4 & 5th benches — 2 dead oak trees (removal)

Attachment 6
VOM Budgets for Seasonal Pruning and Reforestation

Good Morning,

This is the budget over the last 5 years for the Shade Trees. In 2022-23 the Village Manager increased the appropriation for Tree Reforestation from \$30,000 to \$60,000, which was then reduced in the subsequent year. (NOTE: reduced to \$40,000)

Also, in 2022-23 an appropriation was added for \$42,000 for seasonal Pruning of large trees. Is this the allocation you are referring to? The \$42,000 has remained constant over the last 4 years. Yes, DPW is responsible for the tree maintenance in the Village and Parks the purchase and planting.

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK
ADOPT BUDGET - DEPARTMENT A8560 - SHADE TREES

		FISCAL YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET				
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
A8560						
A.8560.0413	TREE REFORESTATION	30,000.00	60,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
A.8560.0421	CONTRACT SERVICE					
	TREE REMOVAL AND PRUNING	85,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
	SEASONAL PRUNING LARGE TREES	-	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00

Hope this helps. Please let me know if you have any other questions

Regards,
Laura Vasami

Attachment 7
Major Volcanoing Around VOM Trees

Hi all,

These are VOM trees. What can we do?

Best,
Gail

My idea is to go out and clear the soil around the trees, then leave a copy of your flyer and a request to residents not to move it back again. The sad part is they think they're doing an extra specially good thing for the trees.

There are some trees near me where I'm thinking of doing that.

Beverley

Attachment 8
Trimmer Damage of VOM Trees by Parks

Hi Jeff,

I know you train your staff not to damage trees when they are maintaining VOM property, but I think you need to give them this message again, more strongly.

Along with the photos of HIP trees Gail sent you, I'm sending two of VOM trees on The Parkway. The third one is of the damaged tupelo near Rushmore planted by the HIP Conservancy with a county grant — I think I sent it once before in August.

Thanks,
Beverley



From: Gail Koller <gail.koller18@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 11:42 AM
To: TreeCom <treecom@vomny.org>
Cc: Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>
Subject: Sweetgum tree at HIP entrance near boat ramp

Hi all,

This is the clearest example I have seen of why we need a ring of mulch around trees. This is a fairly young sweetgum planted a few years ago. There is significant damage, most likely from a weed whacker.

Let's discuss at next meeting.

Best,
Gail

