

Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee  
7 May 2025 Agenda

5/4/2025

**\*DRAFT Minutes of 2 April 2025** (*Attachment 1*)

**Board of Ethics presentation**

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

**\*Correspondence**

**\*Old Business**

**Maintenance**

**Tree Law**

- Enforcement (*Attachment 2*)
- Suggestion about changing replanting requirement (*Attachment 3*)
- Protection during construction (*Attachment 4*)

**New Trees**

- 81 of 85 trees have been planted (in time for the rain)
  - o 11 planted in Bird Sanctuary, 19 will be planted in the fall
  - o Locations identified for remaining 4 trees
- St. Vito's and French American School trees
- MAS memorial tree planted Friday, April 25, Arbor Day

**Heritage Trees**

- 2025 Heritage Tree Hunt to be announced

**Boston Post Road Renovations updates**

**Public Education**

- Tree Walk May 4, 23 people attended (plus Jocelyn)
- "Benefits of Planting Trees" flyer draft (*Attachment 5*)

**\* New Business**

- Tree Committee membership in Federated Conservationists of Westchester (*Attachment 6*)

**\* Other Business**

**\*Calendar Notes**

- **June 4, 2025, next meeting**
- May 10, 2025, Native Plant Giveaway and Swap

## **Tree Committee Meeting – April 2, 20205**

### **7:40 Meeting Start**

#### **Members**

- Sara, Wendy, Ellen, Lilia, Beverly, Leslie, Michelle
- Minutes approved

#### **Citizens Correspondence**

Mrs. Todaro-Bierman wrote about not wanting a Spring Tree, she is not on the list for a spring tree planting.

#### **Old Business Updates**

##### **- Tree Law Enforcement updates**

- o Denis attended the board meeting, and it is now something he is working on.
- o Building Department is aware of the need for permitting protocol
- o Lilia is going to follow up on enforcement – what is the best way to talk with Denis on follow up? Email directly and if you would like, CC Ellen.
  - Ask him for feedback on the protocol?

##### **- Spring Trees**

- o The new trees are coming 4.16
- o Dig Safe has been called and are marking on Thursday and Friday
  - Background: “Utilities” are called in to make sure that trees are placed don’t have conflict with utilities
  - Beverly will go to the three sites tomorrow 4.3

##### **- Fall Trees**

- o Leslie and Beverly have been marking trees in the tree Sanctuary – ½ way done
  - Add Sal to the tree list for fall
- o Look for areas that might need trees for fall planting? Are there any streets that can use several?
  - Melbourne, Mt Pleasant

#### **Action Items**

- Lila is reaching out to Dennis about protocol
- Beverly will mark tree locations for spring planting with info from Dig Safe
- All members should look for addresses or streets that can benefit from planting
- Gail will check about the graphic and logo
- All members should write letters to planning board on 308 Melbourne Ave
- Encourage homes on Melbourne to write to the planning board about the tree at 308 – [planningboard@vomny.org](mailto:planningboard@vomny.org)
- Beverly will look for the letter on tree offerings and we can use it to write folks at Melbourn \
- Beverly will send Leslie tree walk information to be made into a flyer

- **Heritage Trees**

- o Freedom of Information Act –for the 2023-2024 Heritage Tree submission
- o On the website!

- **Dog Park Requests**

- o No dog park trees, they are not willing to look at underground infrastructure to make a tree plan.
- o Asked at the budget meeting, but its not a village priority right.

- **Boston Post Road Renovations**

- o Meeting is postponed

- **Public Education**

- o Tree mulching education sheet – waiting to hear about logo

- **Tree Maintenance**

- o Tree at Equinox is dead
- o Prospect tree is dead

**New Business**

- 308 Melbourne is being subdivided and residents are worried about removal of street trees
  - o We encourage tree committee members to write an email to the planning board
- Under the new tree law, we can plant with their permission on the “beyond the right away”, but it becomes the owners.

**Other Business**

- Interesting articles shared by Gail.

**Calendar Notes**

- Ethics board 4/7 joining meeting
- April 25 – MAS tree planting (time unknown)
- April 26 – Clean and Green Day (Gail, Leslie, Lilia)
- May 4 – Guided Tree Walk
- May 10 – Native Giveaway (Beverly and Lilia) bring your own table.

End 8:55

**Attachment 2**  
**Response regarding Tree Law Enforcement**

Good afternoon and thank you for your patience while I followed-up.

- My understanding from the Parks Dept. is that Jeff is in touch with the Tree Committee concerning the village's most recent tree order. The trees will be delivered Monday 4/14 and depending on what time delivery is we will start planting right away.
- When PD receives a complaint when the Building Dept. is closed, they respond to the area and assess the situation, rely on Village code for guidance, document, stop the work if it's violating a law and makeS a referral to the Building Department for follow up.
- The Building Dept. does maintain a list of all Tree Removal Permits.
- All Building Inspectors and Code Enforcement Officers are familiar with the Tree Law

Enjoy your weekend.

Dennis Delborgo

### Attachment 3

#### Suggestion about changing Tree Law replanting requirement

**From:** Karel Engelen <[karel.engelen@gmail.com](mailto:karel.engelen@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2024 4:35 PM  
**To:** Charles Strome <[cstrome@vomny.org](mailto:cstrome@vomny.org)>  
**Cc:** Mayor Sharon Torres <[storres@vomny.org](mailto:storres@vomny.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Tree Law

Thank you Charles

I would like to propose a change to the tree law as follows:

Consider a minimum number of trees a certain property should hold after which no replanting is required unless of course the removal of a tree would bring the total number of trees under that threshold.

For example, consider a tree for every 2000 sqft of property to be sufficient (to be clear the tree/sqft ratio given, although reasonable in my view, is only provided as an example). In this example, a property that is 0.5 acres (sqft 21,500) does not have to be replanted after removal of a tree as long as the total tree count stays above 11 trees.

Rationale: if your property already has a certain number of trees, the replanting requirement becomes difficult.

Where do you put a tree so that it can grow? The current law punishes those homeowners who already have a high number of trees on their property, in particular because a large tree needs to be replaced with 2 other trees. Also, it takes away a hesitance to plant trees, a hesitance stemming from the need to keep some space if a large tree needs to be removed. A homeowner that has a ratio of one tree for every 2,000 sqft of property should be rewarded, not punished as is indirectly happening through the current tree law.

Happy to discuss

Karel Engelen

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**Attachment 4**  
**Protection of Trees During Construction**

**From:** Jeffrey Langus <jefflangus@gmail.com>

**Date:** May 2, 2025 at 2:52:34 PM EDT

Hi Gail and Beverley, I hope you are both doing well. Wanted to inform you that another construction crew has run their equipment into a local tree, damaging its trunk. Is there a way we can please hold them accountable and assure the tree gets a protective treatment to avoid it dying? Thank you, Jeff

Location: 622 First St, Mamaroneck, near intersection with North Barry.



Jeff Langus



# BENEFITS OF PLANTING TREES

Planting trees have many benefits for your home, community and environment.

## REDUCE FLOODING



Depending on the size, a tree can drink between 10 and 150 gallons of water per day!

## BEAUTIFY SPACE



Trees reduce noise, absorb dust, block wind, and create a calming green canopy and beautiful curb appeal!



## CONSERVE ENERGY

Trees conserve energy in summer and winter, providing shade from the hot summer sun and shelter from cold winter winds.

## CONSIDERING A TREE?

We would love to help! Reach out to the tree committee and we can help you select a great variety! We might even be able to get the tree and plant it for you!

Reach out and start the conversation  
[treecom@vomny.org](mailto:treecom@vomny.org).



**Attachment 6**  
**Federated Conservationists of Westchester**

Our member organizations are local non-profit and green groups whose mission corresponds with FCWC's mission to protect Westchester's natural resources and to support sustainability in all aspects of our lives. Member organizations, including their websites and contact information, are listed on our website.

Our coalition benefits both from these groups' identification of issues for us to address and from their support. The addition of their members' voices to those of FCWC's individual membership base, when we educate or advocate for particular environmental positions, adds to FCWC's overall influence.

## **Organization Membership Application**

**Become a Member Organization!**

Being a member of FCWC means being a member of Westchester's environmental community.

A gift supports FCWC, all of the conservation work we are able to accomplish, and our future environmental goals.

**Membership Level:**

Students - \$15/yr or Pay what you can!

Small Non Profit - \$50/yr

Large Non Profit - \$100/yr

Corporate - \$250/yr