

6/4/2025

**Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee  
4 June 2025 Agenda**

**\*DRAFT Minutes of 2 April 2025** (*Attachment 1*) and **7 May 2025** (*Attachment 2*)

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

**\*Correspondence**

**\*Old Business**

Maintenance - 811 Shore Acres Drive, across the street (bird sanctuary), dead tree leaning on young oak

Development -- 308 Melbourne Street

- Arborist Assessment of Street Tree (*Attachment 3*)
- Correspondence from Mayor Torres (*Attachment 4*)

Tree Law

- 249 Melbourne very large private tree removed, both tree company and DPW said (incorrectly) that there was a permit
- Questions to Dennis Delborgo regarding enforcement update (*Attachment 5*)
- Follow up required with VOM on tree protection when construction is happening near street trees (see Jeff Langus discussion, May minutes)
- What is relationship between Tree Law and Planning Board?

New Trees

- Spring trees not planted as requested (*Attachment 6*)

Heritage Trees

- 2025 Heritage Tree Hunt to be announced

Boston Post Road Complete Streets – Open House Thursday June 5, 5-7:00, Leslie & Beverley will attend

Public Education

- “Benefits of Planting Trees” flyer draft, update?

Tree Committee membership in Federated Conservationists of Westchester  
Approved?

**Native Plant Giveaway and Swap** update

**\* New Business**

- Bird Sanctuary maintenance project (*Attachment 7*)

**\* Other Business**

Lobby the NYS Assembly to act on plastic pollution (*Attachment 8*)

**\*Calendar Notes**

- **July 2, 2025**, next meeting

**Tree Committee Meeting – April 2, 20205**  
**7:40 Meeting Start**

**Members**

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

**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 941 Shore Acres Drive 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

**- Heritage Trees**

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

**- Dog Park Requests**

**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

- No dog park trees, they are not willing to look at underground infrastructure to make a tree plan.
- Asked at the budget meeting, but its not a village priority right.
- **Boston Post Road Renovations**
  - Meeting is postponed
- **Public Education**
  - Tree mulching education sheet – waiting to hear about logo
- **Tree Maintenance**
  - Tree at Equinox is dead
  - Prospect tree is dead

#### **New Business**

- 308 Melbourne is being subdivided and residents are worried about removal of street trees
  - 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**  
**Village of Mamaroneck Tree Committee**  
**7 May, 2025 Minutes**

**Time Start:** 7:35

**End Time:** 9:35

**Members:** Wendy, Beverly, Gail, Leslie, Lilia, Michelle, Ellen

**Approval of minutes:** not approved until June meeting  
Additions to the April 5, 2025

- Add address for resident (Sal) 941 Shore Acres Drive

**Comments Residents:** Marcy Cronk-Rosaly joined the meeting

**Ethics Presentation:** Dan Carson

**Old Business:**

- **Tree Law:**
  - o Continued conversation about permitting challenges and where they are posted; Leslie following up with Dennis Delgado about placement of permit paperwork on property and/or on website
  - o Discussion on Jeff Langus inquiry about tree on first street – follow up required with village on tree protection when construction is happening near street trees
  - o Discussion on resident tree law proposal, committee decided not to make the addendum. Beverly will follow up with resident.
- **New Trees**
  - o Shore Acres Bird Sanctuary tree planning update and conversation about fall clean up of vines. Commitment to cutting back close to road for visibility.
  - o MAS tree looking great, add trees for fall planting to create shade.
  - o Leslie will create a google form and talk to Sally about posting on website
- **Heritage Tree Hunt** 2025 should be announced, deciduous pine on Guion should be added.
- **Public Education**
  - o Tree walk had great attendance in spite of rain (23 attended)
  - o “Benefits of Planting” should include:
    - health benefit benefit
    - how to reach out to the tree committee for a tree request (Google form could be online)
    - correct mulching technique

**Action Items**

Leslie will email Dennis Delgado RE: tree permits

Leslie will create google form for residents to request trees

Beverly will follow up with resident on tree law proposal

**New Business:**

- Maintenance
  - Shore Acres drive large tree falling /hanging over small street tree. Approximate location is across from 805 Shore Acres drive. This is just past the large oak trees when walking towards cliff street.
- 308 Melbourne is in front of Planning Board for subdivision, requesting removal of VOM street tree so they can put a second driveway in that location.
- Federation of Conservationists of Westchester – Gail is looking into the group and whether the tree committee should request to join.

**Attachment 3**  
**308 Melbourne Arborist Assessment of Street Tree**

Good Morning,

I met with Ross Jeffrey, a ISA Certified Arborist (NY-6289A) on May 5th (Mon) to discuss the VOM municipal tree located in front of 308 Melbourne Ave. Ross doesn't believe, similar to our Public Works Department, that the tree is an "imminent danger" to our community as stated by the arborist hired by the applicant of the 308 Melbourne Ave subdivision.

Ross believes that with the proper pruning, cabling and treatments that this specific tree can still thrive in our neighborhood for flooding and beautification purposes! Attached is the estimate from SAVATREE to extend the life of this tree in dispute. Why would we remove a healthy tree that's not a current danger only to benefit the residents at 308 for a parking area? This doesn't make sense or seem right for the community.

Please make this email and estimate part of the public record. Thank you very much for your time and effort on this issue.

Stay Well

Carlo Reca

**Attachment 4**  
**308 Melbourne, Correspondence from Mayor Torres**

Good Morning Carlo,

How is this substantially different from the large tree that was removed from Dr. Leviton's private property the morning after our last Board meeting?

I believe the Board members were shocked that we were unaware that this very large tree was coming down across the street from this location in question. It was not mentioned by any residents Monday night and the Village Manager was not notified as required.

Regardless of village or private property, if trees mitigate flooding then this tree should not have come down either.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Torres*

Mayor Sharon Torres



**Attachment 5**  
**Questions to Dennis Delbougé Regarding Tree Law Enforcement**

5/21/2025

Good Morning Dennis,

During our May Tree Committee Meeting we continued our discussion regarding the tree law and how we might streamline its enforcement. A key part of our conversation focused on making tree removal permits more visible—both to the public and to the committee.

We frequently receive emails from concerned residents about trees being removed. Unfortunately, there's currently no easy way to verify whether a valid permit has been issued without contacting the Department of Public Works. This can be problematic, especially since once a tree is removed, the action is irreversible. Additionally, many trees are removed on the weekend when DPW is closed.

We'd like to propose a solution: similar to how construction permits are displayed in a front window, we suggest that tree removal permits be posted in a clearly visible location on the property. We were thinking they could even be printed on green paper so that they are visible from the street and easily identifiable. This would allow residents to confirm that proper authorization has been granted before raising concerns.

Additionally, in the interest of long-term transparency, we'd love to see a publicly accessible online list of approved tree removal permits. While that may require more planning and resources, we believe implementing the paper-based posting could be a simple first step with immediate impact.

We'd be happy to discuss this further and explore next steps. Let me know your thoughts.

Best regards,  
Leslie Lam  
Tree Committee

**Attachment 6**  
**New Trees Not Planted As Requested**

Sat 5/31/2025

Hi Jeff,

I don't think these trees were planted, at least not in these locations. Also, what have you decided about the tupelo for 915 Lorena, which was on my Leftover Tree Locations list? I emailed you a couple of weeks ago asking about possibly moving one of the ones at HIP.

If it's too late, I'll put them all on the fall list.

Thanks,  
Beverley

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**From:** Beverley Sherrid <BSherrid@vomny.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:15 PM  
**To:** Jeff Ahne <jahne@vomny.org>  
**Cc:** TreeCom <TreeCom@vomny.org>; Dennis Delborgo <DDelborgo@vomny.org>  
**Subject:** Leftover trees

Hi Jeff,

I have the following locations for the two white oaks needing new locations from the spring planting:

**302 Melbourne Ave BROW** --I marked both the street and the lawn to show the location; will bring you the contract transferring ownership

**711 Bleeker, plant on Walton** — I marked the street showing the location the property owner requests

We talked about planting one hornbeam in **Florence Park**. It turns out there are two leftover trees. It would be great if they could both go in the park: medium height tree, excellent native, good in shady areas.

Thank you. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Beverley

**Attachment 7**  
**Bird Sanctuary Maintenance**

Hi Jeff,

Leslie Lam (Tree Committee) and I were recently in conversation with Marc Radulovic, who lives on Shore Acres Drive across from the Bird Sanctuary.

He expressed some of the frustrations we often hear from residents on that street about the conditions there. Leslie and I repeated the point that it's a bird sanctuary, not a park, but we did agree that some of the issues could be addressed to the benefit of both residents and wildlife. Here are our thoughts and recommendations:

- Invasive vines are choking and killing trees. An effective and fast solution would be cutting the vines near ground level, rather than the perfect solution of digging them out. This is a huge job and it would demand an enormous (and probably not possible) amount of time for your staff. As an alternative, I think we could muster a volunteer corps next fall to take it on, if you would consider that possibility.
- Mowing and maintaining a 6' shoulder from the start of Shore Acres Drive at The Parkway to the South Barry intersection (stopping at the private property on the corner) would improve both the appearance and pedestrian safety and visibility of the sanctuary. Currently there's a shoulder along some portions but it's uneven and occasionally disappears altogether.
- Digging out the invasive plants such as mugwort in the shoulder would benefit everyone. I'm thinking it would be good to replace them with a native sedge that would have deep roots to stabilize the soil, reduce erosion, and absorb some of the excess rainfall (this street is prone to flooding). Many sedges spread and would fill in after planting, so the invasives would have a harder time re-establishing. Sedges can be walked on and, if necessary, mown.

Thanks for considering these ideas. We'd appreciate a chance to talk about them.

Beverley

### Attachment 8

**From:** Your Team at Save the Sound <info@savethesound.org>

**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2025 2:25 PM

**To:** Kate Dehais <kdehais@vomny.net>

**Subject:** Halfway home on key recycling bill in NY!



Ella McGrail (2nd from right), our NY policy coordinator, met with Senator Pete Harckham and Beyond Plastics' Alexis Goldsmith (far left) and Judith Enck after the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act passed the Senate on Wednesday

[It's time for the NYS Assembly to act on plastic pollution](#)

Earlier this week, at the end of a long day spent advocating for the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, Ella McGrail, our New York policy coordinator, noticed a sparrow hopping through the grass in the park outside the State Capitol. In the bird's beak was a piece of plastic film, the kind you'd find pulled taut over a packaged microwaveable meal.

The timing would have been ironic if it wasn't so common. We are surrounded by plastic waste, and its toxicity is making us and our environment sicker.

The PRRIA would help New York address its massive plastics problem, reducing single-use plastic packaging by 30%, banning the use of PFAS and other toxic chemicals in packaging materials, and shifting the financial burden of proper waste disposal from taxpayers to the producers of the packaging.

[The PRRIA passed the Senate on Wednesday. Take a minute to urge your Assemblymember to pass A1749.](#)

Last year, the PRRIA passed the Senate on the last day of session, but the Assembly ran out of time to bring it to a vote.

There is no ticking clock this session. The Assembly recently indicated it will remain in session longer than originally scheduled, giving them until June 17 to pass a bill that addresses a microplastics and nanoplastics problem that NYS Senator Pete Harckham, chair of the Senate's Environmental Conservation committee, called "the threat of our time."

Learn more about this bill by [watching the extended debate](#) that took place Wednesday on the Senate floor (starting 2:18:23).

And make sure your Assemblymember knows that you support and expect the passage of the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act this session.

Thank you,

David Ansel

Vice President, Save the Sound's Center for Water Protection