

11/14/2018  
MEETING MINUTES  
7:30pm Village Hall

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

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:34pm.

9/18 meeting minutes approved; CD absent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of successful \$50K DEC Grant application for Tree Maintenance!
  - a) next steps: JZ punch list for grant facilitation
  - b) village must match the \$50K with appx \$12K but this includes staff salaries/fringe as bulk of the match. Village accountant is going over.
  - c) JZ held first meeting with village clerk to schedule first steps on grant including insurance forms and contract preparation. TAB will need to do drive by this winter to identify any changes conditions for pruning portion of the grant. Tree ID tag installation also included in grant project as well as tree pit enlargements, permeable brick pavers and some tree pit guards in Main St business district.
  - d) JZ also reported that not including this grant, TAB has raised appx 14-15K in cash donations for tree-related things in its 3 years of existence. This does not include the value of in-kind donations of labor and supplies. TAB members discussed preparing a report to the trustees.
2. Miscellaneous updates
  - a) Fall tree pruning project update: weather delays pushed new start date back to Nov 29 & 30. Issue with coordination between HWY department and tree contractor regarding traffic cone placement to clear street/parking areas for tree work cause unfortunate delay. More notice is needed by the HWY department before contractors plan to arrive. At least 48 hours notice needed and extra if the work will fall on a Monday. JZ to work on ways to streamline communication there.
  - b) Beautification updates
    - i) Correspondence with CS Chamber of Commerce re: tree pit maintenance on Main St. etc. JZ in communication with chamber who are excited about grant; idea to possibly roll in a partnership with chamber to be more involved. Eliza Starbuck, business owner of Flowercup Wine, shared idea for spring contest of best tree pit garden. Also idea of 1 day tree pit tutorial taught by master gardeners (what to plant; how; guidelines etc.). Possibly combine this with Arbor Day next April?
    - ii) New tree pit sponsorship: Kemble Ave. BT Nichols donated a small tree guard to be ordered and installed in spring.
    - iii) Misc. updates: Marie Early donated money toward tree guard in front of C&E Paint on Main St. Thank you Marie! Hudson Hil's tree is dead as confirmed by

George Profus, DEC Regional Forrester, who met with JZ for several hours to discuss Kwanzan Cherry Fungus throughout village, Zelkova's on Main St (reviewed and samples taken ) also discussed potential partnership with Rhinebeck Tree Board to join forces when shipping bare root trees.

3. Tree Service Procurement Policy clause updates: discussion moved to next meeting
4. Ideas for Future Projects: moved to next meeting until CD can join discussion
5. 29 Pine Street Removal application update: Laura Kaufman did donate a replacement tree since TAB was able to bundle removal cost with other tree work. Discussion of placement to occur in partnership with her.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

6. Philipstown Garden Club seeking cooperative projects: Mary Saari.
7. Correspondence: Rebecca Sperling on Garden Street thanked TAB for work board does; Laura Kaufman letter re: status of her tree cutting application; letter confirming receipt of grant to CS Mayor & Board of Village Trustees
8. Public comment: NONE

Meeting adjourned 8:16pm.