

Village of Scottsville
Forestry Board Meeting Minutes
Wheatland Municipal Building
Thursday, May 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

In attendance

Brandon Burger
Michael Souers
Rick VenVertloh
Silvia Benso
Camille Martina

Absent/Excused

Wendy Marks
Maggie Ridge, Mayor

Action Items

- **Inventory High Risk Trees** - A top priority is to inventory the high risk trees that were previously identified in the recent inventory and risk assessment to determine exactly what our progress has been. The Forestry Board will program/schedule additional tree maintenance to reduce risk that may still exist.
- **Evaluate new tree locations and diversity of species** - The Forestry Board is to evaluate where new trees have been planted, where the obvious gaps are, and what kinds of trees are preferred to promote diversity in the urban forest.
- **Determine Budget for fall 2023** - All the trees that were wintered at the DPW have been planted as part of the Spring 2023 planting. More trees will be planted in the Fall and the details need to be better defined. Need to determine exactly what budget is available for Fall planting.
- **Installation of Main Street Planters** - The Main Street planters are planted and ready for placement on Main Street. They are currently at the DPW.
- **Salt tolerant hybrid oaks** - Camille M. will check with Cornell to determine if the hybrid oak trees planted as part of the "salt tolerance" program can be trimmed/ maintained by Scottsville.
- **Community partner outreach letter** – Letter to be drafted to extend invitation to WCCSD to be a 'Community Partner'. The common goal is to improve and maintain a livable and welcoming community that supports a healthy and vibrant tree canopy and environment for its residents and community members.

New Tree Planting Practice

- **Mulch, sleeves, gators** - A discussion focused on the newly planted trees along the T.J. Connor school property. In particular the trees need mulch. This should be a standard practice for all newly planted trees. Protective sleeves are advisable to protect against

string trimmer damage. Protective gators will be installed soon on the newly planted trees.

Tree ordinance discussion

- A discussion regarding possible tree ordinances that would give the Village authority to regulate trees that are located on private property. Canandaigua is considering an ordinance. One of the primary reasons would be to protect individual "historical" trees such as the copper beech on Brown's Avenue. More discussion is needed on this topic.

Arbor Day 2023 wrap up

- The NYSDEC seedling trees that were planted in pots by Mike S. were all distributed to those interested in planting trees at home.
- An article published in the Sentinel about Scottsville Tree City, USA status and Arbor Day festivities in conjunction with community partner CooperVision, local scouts, and families.
- Link to article:
<https://mhflsentinel.com/scottsville-celebrates-8-years-as-tree-city-usa-at-village-arbor-day-festivities/>