

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Awad at 6:39 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Weiss absent, Awad, Brewer, Greeney Kusner absent,
Shaffer, Mooring, Snow

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Public Hearing – Tree Removal – North Pleasant Street

- Public hearing called to order at 6:40 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.
- VOTED: Awad, Brewer voted “Aye”, Greeney “No”, to remove three cherry trees on North Pleasant Street, having held a public hearing consistent with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 87, Section 4.

The following discussion took place:

- Nancy Gordon – The trees are not unique, but unusual. The trees are beautiful and doing well.
- Bill Elsasser – Gift to beautification of the Town. Why is the Department of Public Works not planting trees, but cutting them down?
- Diana Stein – Please don't cut down the trees, preserve esthetic value of the trees.
- Vincent O'Connor – Offers a different scenario for how trees will be replaced, he recommends that structural soil be used. Let the trees die one by one and replace them.
- Sigerd Buschieve – Is there any proof that the trees would die?
- Alan Snow – The trees will die if the sidewalk project is completed.
- Guilford Mooring – Changing the grade around the area will place stress on the trees on the street.
- Ed Cutting – Supports the Tree Warden.
- Dennis Ryan – Chair of the Shade Tree Committee fully supports Mr. Snow; trees will die and you have allowed a hazard.
- Bill Hutchinson – Member of the Public Shade Tree Committee – There are half of the trees from the original planting still remaining and none of the trees can survive the restructuring of the wall. There will be numerous problems and I urge you to take Tree Warden and DPW's recommendations.
- Alan Snow – Four 2 ½ to 3” caliper trees will be planted.
- Harold Columbian – It is not an unsafe sidewalk.

Special Town Meeting Calendar

VOTED unanimously (3-0), to amend the Fall Special Town Meeting Calendar as follows: Town Meeting will meet on November 5, 7, 15, 19, 28, December 3 and 5, 2007, and cancel November 1 and 26, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously (3-0), to adjourn the open meeting at 8:20 p.m.