

**Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Gary Bassett, Sean Kemp, Village Clerk Patricia Coon, ZEO and Supt. Of Public Works John Fenton, Meg Crawford and Nick Monico of the Tree Commission and Pete Macfarlane and Mike Gallucci from Central Hudson as well as members of the public, none of which signed in.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone to this special purpose of this meeting.

Tree Workshop- Mayor Tortarella gave a summary of Central Hudson's 4 year trimming plan and introduced Pete Macfarlane and Mike Gallucci from Central Hudson. Mr. Macfarlane gave an explanation of Central Hudson's requirements, obligations to the NYS and Federal Government and explained the trimming and the result on the trees. In 2003 new guidelines came out in regards to tree trimming around electrical wires, and Mr. Gallucci gave an explanation of to the change in these guidelines. The Village Board, Tree Commission members, and members of the public Dodd Crane and Tami Valentiono asked Central Hudson Representatives questions and addressed their concerns. Mr. Macfarlane discussed how he has worked with the Tree Commission evaluating the trees in the village and he further discussed how the list of trees came about. The scope of work and the resulting affect of the trees was also discussed with members of the Board asking questions to both Central Hudson and Tree Commission members. Supt. Of Public Works John Fenton discussed the effect trees have on the sidewalks.

Other tree commission business, Deputy Mayor Traudt made the motion to allow DANCO to trim trees with the restriction to lift no more that 1 tier of limbs from the bottom. Motion was second by Trustee Cruikshank and Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Kemp- Yes and Trustee Bassett- Yes. Motion passed.

Schedule Public Hearing- Mayor Tortarella made a motion to schedule a hearing on Feb. 9, 2016 at 7:00 for Local Law No. 1 of 2016 Zoning Regulation Amendments. Motion was second by Deputy Mayor Traudt and Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Kemp- Yes and Trustee Bassett- Yes. Motion passed. Copies of the proposed amendments and changes are available in the Clerk's office.

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Tortarella second by Deputy Mayor Traudt. Vote was as follows: Mayor Tortarella- Yes, Deputy Mayor Traudt- Yes, Trustee Cruikshank- Yes, Trustee Kemp- Yes and Trustee Bassett- Yes. Motion passed.

The complete tree workshop and meeting can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2PLMVvD0uQ>

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia D. Coon
Clerk