

**Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees
Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2016
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Heath Tortarella, Deputy Mayor Howard Traudt, Trustees Scott Cruikshank, Gary Bassett, Trustee Sean Kemp and Village Clerk Patricia Coon, Treasurer Karen McLaughlin, independent Panda filmer and approximately 50 members of the public.

Mayor Tortarella opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tortarella made a comment in regards to the village trees.

Mayor Tortarella opened the floor to those who had signed in to address the Board in regard to the Tree Workshop. Those who spoke included, but limited to : Isabella Scholte, Cecily Frazier, Jim Reardon, Cathy Golden, Sam Reifler, Gina Fox, John Clarke, Frank Mazzarella, Dod Crane. Residents voiced opinions, offered suggestions, and questions to the Board as to the amount of trimming and trees to be removed.

Additional residents including Keith Greeney, Tammy Valentino, Christian Fekete, Dorothy Crane, Andrew Delbanco, Joanna Underwood, Erica Blum, Rachel Cavell, Eric Neiler, John Clarke, Frank Mazzarella, Gina Fox, John Halpren, Jim Reardon all offered questions, opinions and concerns in regards to the Central Hudson-tree trimming issue. Resident Tammy Valentino along with other residents will be doing fundraising to help pay for planting trees. They have started PART- plant a Rhinebeck Tree. John Clarke suggested the development of a Streetscape Committee” to sturdy the sidewalks, trees and urban planning.

Mayor Tortarella thanked everyone for their comments and assured the residents that the Board’s goal is to save as many trees as we can for as long as we can.

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia D. Coon
Clerk