

TOWN OF BRIGHTON CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were:

Dennis Adams, Chairperson
Karen Berger, V-Chairperson
Susan Riblett
Diane Richeson
George Smith
Dave Ryder
Rick DiStefano, Secretary

Sara Rubin was excused.

1. Public Forum

None

2. Meeting Minutes

Review of the October 10, 2017 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved with a correction to “Next Meeting Date” (November 7, 2017).

3. Communications Received

Letter from Tim Keef, Commissioner of Public Works, dated October 25, 2017, regarding town tree removals.

4. Presentations

Presentation by Sherry Kraus regarding recommendation to the Town Forestry Plan. Sherry presented potential conflicts between Chapter 175 (Tree Protection Ordinance) and Chapter 207, Article IX (Solar Energy Systems). She suggested possible amendments to the Town’s Forestry Plan to protect town trees from possible removal due to the promotion and effectiveness of residential rooftop solar panels.

The Board will review her recommended amendments and discuss them and other possible amendments to the Town’s Forestry Plan at its next meeting.

5. Project Reviews

9P-NB1-17 1925 South Clinton Avenue

- Native plant material should be used throughout the project and invasive species and potentially invasive species should be avoided.
- Additional tree mitigation should be considered throughout the site.
- Investigate supplementing the buffer area with tree plantings to help mitigate the

overall loss of trees and add to the worthiness, value and stability of the buffer area.

11P-01-17 1300 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road

– No comment.

6. EMC Report

No report.

7. Staff Report

No report.

8. Green Report

Friends of Bicycling Trail Group is being formed.

9. New Business

None

10. Old Business

None

11. Tree Council Review

1052 Allens Creek Road	31" Norway maple
97 Bradford Road	34" Silver maple
83 Cheswell Way	26" Norway maple
25 Clovercrest Drive	43" Norway maple
166 Hampshire Drive	53" Silver maple
26 Southland Drive	54" Silver maple

The Tree Council reviewed the tree evaluations and visited the sites. The Council is in agreement with the evaluations and supports the removal of the identified trees. As recommended, the Board agrees that replacement trees should be planted at the 83 Cheswell Way, 25 Clovercrest Drive and 26 Southland Avenue removal sites. The Board also agrees that due to a limited tree lawn and conflict with sidewalks and utilities a replacement tree at 1052 Allens Creek is not warranted.

With regards to properties at 97 Bradford Road and 166 Hampshire Drive consideration shall be given to planting replacement trees that are more suitable (e.g. smaller mature size) for those locations. If this is not feasible, then consideration should be given to planting replacement trees elsewhere on the streets.

Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM. The next regular meeting will be 7:00 PM, **December 12, 2017.**

Respectfully submitted: Rick DiStefano 11/22/2017