

Village of Hammondsport
September 9, 2012
Special Board Meeting

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The Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees met on Sunday September 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Pulteney Park, Hammondsport to discuss tree removal and tree placement in and around the Village Square.

PRESENT: Mayor Emery L. Cummings, Jr.
Trustee Stella Pulver
Trustee Rachael Nichols
Trustee Anne Green

Absent: Trustee Bruce White

OTHERS PRESENT: DPW Superintendent Randy Hoad, Clerk-Treas. Lela Martuscello, Jim Keena, and Brett Llewellyn

The Mayor discussed a request by the Beautification Committee to place trees in front of the Post Office and Parkview Wine & Liquor Store. The Mayor and DPW Superintendent measured the area and determined that there is not enough room between the sidewalk and curb for trees.

The board discussed the trees on Shethar Street in front of the Retail Shops. The Chamber and DPW purchased, with the Main Street Grant streetscape money, grates to place around the base of the trees. Some of the tree roots are above the ground and cause difficulty in placing the grates level. The Mayor wants all trustees on board with the decision to replace the trees. The DPW removed two trees and replaced them with smaller trees. The board discussed all the trees on the street and decided that of the 5 remaining trees, three would be replaced and two would remain. Some of the trees are too large and some are dying. The large trees that are removed will be replanted at the Fire Station. Trees that are removed will be replaced with a flowering crabapple that does not bear fruit.

Property owners Brett Llewellyn and Jim Keena stated that they would like to see the trees saved regardless if they are too large. They do not feel that the tallness of the tree distracts from the buildings.

Trustee Green would like to see the Village Tree Committee reinstated by the Village Board.

Rachael Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lela Martuscello
Clerk-Treas.