



**BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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**July 12, 2011 Meeting notes**

Start Time: 7:30PM  
End Time: 10:45PM

**Attendance:**

Chairperson Pieter Slump (PSL) – yes  
Vice chairperson John Terry (JT) - yes  
Commissioner Rick Hockenberry (RH) - yes  
Commissioner Phil Savoie (PS) – yes  
Commissioner Dave Sailer (DS) - yes  
Alternate Jack Fannin (JF) – yes  
Alternate Declan Madden (DM) – no  
Council Liaison Joe Wojtecki (JW) – yes  
Borough Arborist Steve Schuckman (SS) – yes

RH Motion to open July 2011 HSTC meeting, DS seconded, approved unanimously.

**1. Public session if needed.**

PS Motion to open public session, JF seconded, unanimously approved.

Hubert Dyk, Resident - 1 Norma Terrace, has 4 London Planes in the Borough planting strip around his corner property, is very concerned about the amount of extra work caused by the leaves, branches falling, dust, cleaning gutters, moss on roof and side of house.

Lisa and Leon Kowalski, Residents – 13 Reed Place, also concerned about the London Plane that grows and seems to arc over his house. Many branches have fallen on their house. The resident feels that the situation seems to be getting riskier every year.

Steve Shuckman has reviewed the trees and they are typical of old-growth trees. He has put in work orders for crown-cleaning. PS stated that due to these concerns, we might be able to prune the trees on a more regular basis.

PSL asked the residents to tell us who in their neighborhood is very concerned about the falling branches. PS responded that we need to check out every tree.

Councilman John Bertollo asked us to think about the safety issues and try to ascertain if these Planes have simply gotten too big and need to be removed.

SS will go out this week and review every tree in the neighborhood.

Christian Macchio – 29 Vreeland – tree roots have gotten into the sewer pipes and the resident has had several sewer back-ups, ruining his basement. The pipes might be able to get relined. Plumber is coming this Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>. SS will review the tree this Thursday.

Guy Vogt – CTE from PSEG – came by to speak with us since PSEG is trimming along power lines in Hawthorne along the Wyckoff border.

PS motion to close public session, JF seconded, unanimously approved.

## 2. New items

### A. Presentation from Paul Cowie – Status / progress on inventory.

Amount of work done: Paul has inventoried 1908 “spots” (trees, stumps, or planting sites), out of the 5000 borough-wide spots from former arborist Ken Soha’s inventory done in 1998.

Anticipated final completion date: Optimistically October 2011 but likely by the end of the year. Paul will not charge us a pro-rated rate for spots inventoried beyond the 5300 agreed-upon spots.

Anticipated start date on 3<sup>rd</sup> CFMP: We need Eric Maurer to get Paul Cowie authorization to proceed with the CFMP.

**B.** Independent HSTC website. How do we want to develop the website? What are our priorities and goals?

Priorities:

Goals:

Who should do what to move this forward:

*To be discussed in August 2011 meeting.*

**C.** Scanning all documents and storing in one or two locations. Appropriate funds to purchase memory? *To be discussed in August 2011 meeting.*

**D.** Shade Tree Federation meeting October 21 – 22. Who plans on going? *To be discussed in August 2011 meeting*

**E.** Format for residents to arrange for tree planting on borough ROW’s. *PSL to work on.*

### **3. Review of June 2011 Meeting notes.**

*To be voted on in August.*

### **4. Budget review.**

A. 2011 Budget discussion.

1. What should we do with available funds – prune trees, and/or plant trees in the fall?  
*We are leaning towards using the tree budget for a fall planting.*
2. Any surprise charges made to our accounts? *No.*

### **OLD ITEMS / Mention only:**

1. Paul's Motors and Bouma Tree of Oakland issued summonses by PSL for not having a permit and pruning borough trees on Friday April 22. Court date set for July 28.
2. PS and PSL to get the updated planting list to Tode for fall planting.
3. Update on condition of the planting we did for Arbor Day. Write letter to Mrs. Roughgarden thanking her for letting us use her water.
4. 10 Second Avenue- Borough court has given the resident a new deadline of July 28 to have sidewalk repaired. Resident's contractor may need assistance/guidance from Steve Shuckman as to how to make the roundout and rampover.
5. Parking around tree area at the end of the service road at the ball field by the town pool. Signs were put up prohibiting parking but enforcement seems to be sporadic.
6. HSTC secretary/assistant position – when does this person start? Meeting with Ellen? PSL to reach out to Ellen and Joe Clementi.
7. Patriot Development project, Goffle Rd. Final judgment was made on June 21<sup>st</sup>?
8. Forestry grant for tree inventory update. Green Communities Grant awarded for next (3<sup>rd</sup>) CFMP. PSL to follow up with Sue Witkowski.
9. 3<sup>rd</sup> CFMP should be on track when Cowie finishes our inventory.
10. PSL to talk with Tode re. replacement of dead oak at high school from Arbor Day 2010 planting.
11. 2011 Road Rebuilding – trees scheduled to be removed on Pasadena and Mohawk.

*PSL motion to close, JT seconded, unanimous approval to close meeting.*

TIME ENDED: 10:45pm