

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TREE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF THOMASTON
July 18, 2022**

The Tree Board met on Tuesday, July 18, 2022 at the Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Lea Caplan, Chair, Victoria Lublin, Mal Weinberg and Denise M. Knowland,
Village Administrator

Absent: Nancy Sherman

Ms. Caplan opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Three (3) members of the public were in attendance.

One member of the public obstructed the first fifteen minutes of the meeting, voicing strenuous complaints regarding trees on his neighbor's property. Ms. Knowland informed him numerous times that the tree board only dealt with trees on the Village right-of-way and had no jurisdiction on private properties. She informed him of the correct people to speak with regarding his complaint.

Traffic Island on Avalon Road

A review of the progress made so far on Avalon included:

Dead stumps (bushes)- have been removed

Sprinklers – The Superintendent of Public Works has begun work on the sprinklers. The next step is to see if they are working adequately when they are on. It was recommended that the sprinklers on all the other islands need to be checked to ensure they are functioning adequately.

Lights, that were partially buried, have been dug out. The Superintendent of Public Works is working on the photocells.

The patches of sand where trees once stood have been evened out.

At a prior meeting with Mayor Weinberg, The Superintendent of Public Works and Tree Board Member Victoria Lublin, it was agreed that the island needed to be mowed bi-weekly.

Design of ends of the Avalon traffic island – Chair Caplan recommended that she contact Hicks Nursery to obtain an estimate for a design.

Trees within the right-of-way in need of trimming or possible removal

The Superintendent of Public Works has compiled a comprehensive list of trees that need to be trimmed or removed. The Superintendent will contact an arborist to make the assessment and then arrange for trimming and removal of the trees.

Brompton Road Traffic island

Robert Meyer, a resident of Grosvenor Place several suggestions for the Brompton Road traffic island.

1. Belgian blocks need to be repaired and replaced
2. Requested planting in front of the electrical box.
3. The light on the island isn't working and needs to be repaired.

All other traffic islands

They need to be redesigned. In the meantime, they need to be maintained regularly

New trees

All newly planted trees need to be watered regularly by residents. In addition, a water truck or water trailer is needed to regularly water the new trees so they do not die. It was suggested that a general email to village residents state that they need to regularly water new trees near their property.

Adjournment

At 7:35 p.m., there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Lea Caplan, seconded by Victoria Lublin, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Lublin
Secretary