

**TOWN OF CLARKSON**  
**CONSERVATION BOARD – MINUTES**

August 18, 2010

**draft**

**Board Members**

Brian Lemon – Chairperson \*  
Stacy Peck  
Sue Beck  
Juliann Dean

**Support Board Members**

Richard Olson, Town Attorney \*  
Ursula Liotta, Building Department Coordinator  
David Goodwin, Highway Superintendent  
\*excused

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OTHER**

1. Andrew Pleninger, Urban Forestry LLC  
Review final draft of Urban Forestry Plan 2010

A. Pleninger had previously emailed the final draft of the **Urban Forestry Plan 2010** to the Board members for their review prior to this meeting. He passed out a list of plan omissions/additions and reviewed the same. He explained that the cost estimate for the street tree budget is conservative; that it all depends on the age of the trees purchased; that he made some adjustments to the street tree planting plan that will be reflected in the final product.

D. Goodwin stated that sidewalks were incorporated into residential subdivisions in the 1990's, primarily on one side of the street. Sidewalk maintenance fees are currently not being assessed to the residents and there presently is no money for such maintenance in the current Town budget. The **Street Tree Districts** (1-5) outlined in the **Plan** are those neighborhoods with sidewalks. Once a tree planting grant is received and a program is instituted, he suggested that the Town create "Tree & Sidewalk Districts" and assess maintenance fees to those properties in **Street Tree Districts**. The following questions were raised:

- Will the fees assessed be for the tree plantings or just the maintenance after the planting?
- Will the fees change as the trees get older vs. when they were younger?

The other areas where tree plantings are suggested per the **Plan** are: Clarkson Corners District (Lake Road and Ridge Road intersection), Hafner Park and the Sports Park.

Discussion was had regarding the future process, the length of the program, and the estimated number of tree plantings per year. The Town would only plant trees upon receipt of a grant. A. Pleninger will keep the Town advised of grant availability.

At the present time, this Board needs to approve the **Urban Forestry Plan 2010** so that it may be submitted with the appropriate paperwork (deadline for submission: August 19, 2010) to effect the reimbursement of one-half of the expense paid for the study. A. Pleninger asked the Board if they had any other comments or concerns. The Board had no additional comments; they thanked A. Pleninger for his efforts and the excellent product he had prepared. A. Pleninger reminded the Board that they are still "on staff" for future work.

S. Beck made a motion to approve the **Urban Forestry Plan 2010** as presented; second by J. Dean; unanimously carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula M. Liotta  
Building Department Coordinator