

Selectmen's Meeting
January 27, 2014
4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Margaret Serpa, Chairman; and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Chairman Serpa opened the meeting and the advertised tree hearing for the Carusos at 101 South Water St. Present for the hearing were Tree Warden Stuart Fuller, Contractor Gerry Conover, and Landscape Designer Robbie Hutchison. Christina Miller was also present.

Ms. Serpa read the public notice aloud and then opened the floor to Mr. Conover.

Mr. Conover presented his plan showing where the original four trees were. He stated that, though in reasonable health, they were at the end of their lives. He was proposing to replace the three elms and the one maple that was on the lot line with the Syscos, who are agreeable with the plan, with four large London Plane trees of 10" caliper and 35-40' tall. There would also be one ornamental tree that would be added. These new Plane trees would have more of an upward growth and grow up and over the power lines without interfering with them.

Ms. Hutchison stated that from a design view these trees were at the end of their lives and unattractive. The streetscape will look much nicer with the new large trees well placed closer to the road than the current trees.

Ms. Serpa asked if all 4 trees would be the same Plane Trees.

Ms. Hutchison responded yes and one ornamental interesting tree had been discussed in addition.

Mr. Fuller stated that he can support removal of three of the trees but had a hard time with the one nearest the driveway. It was fairly healthy and a good looking tree.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if Nstar needed to be notified when working with trees this big.

Mr. Conover replied that these trees had more of a vertical growth and that Nstar did not need to be notified.

Ms. Serpa asked Mr. Fuller if he could support removal of the 4th tree if they were replaced with such large specimens.

Mr. Fuller replied only because the replacements were so large he could accept it.

Mr. Smadbeck remarked that the big replacement trees would be good for the town and moved to approve the request to remove the four specified trees with replacement of four 10" caliper 35'-40' London Plane Trees and a possible ornamental shade tree under the supervision of the Tree Warden. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the application by Mr. Conover to replace the cement sidewalk at 101 South Water St. with brick.

Mr. Conover gave a little presentation showing the brick sidewalk from the end of the Sysco's brick sidewalk all the way to the corner with Dunham Road. He explained that the new sidewalk would meet all ADA guidelines and there would be a ramp at the corner of Dunham Road. They plan to keep the grass buffer that will remain between the sidewalk and the street instead of curbing.

Mr. Fuller stated that he had met with Mr. Conover and they had gone over all the required measurements and it will meet all the standards. He thanked Mr. Conover for bricking the sidewalk.

Mr. Smadbeck asked when it would be done.

Mr. Conover replied by the end of March. He would let the office know when it would begin and end.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the new brick sidewalk. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then addressed an application by Jefferson Mercier to block the sidewalk at 7 Main Street. The building which is owned by the Harborside is going to receive new siding. She asked Mr. Fuller if he had any issues with the application.

Mr. Fuller stated he had no problems. He asked about disposal of materials.

Mr. Mercier replied that they would use the dumpster currently in the loading zone in front of Atlantic that the Harborside is using for another part of the project.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the request. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

Minutes from January 6, 2014

An Innholders License for the Charlotte Inn.

A Common Victualler's License for Espresso Love.

At 4:25 Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant