

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**October 22, 2018**  
**4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman; Margaret E. Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and the first thing on the agenda which was a shade tree hearing for the MV Museum. Present was Phil Wallis, Executive Director and Tree Warden Stuart Fuller. Mr. Donaroma read the notice which indicated removal of five trees along Cooke Street.

Mr. Wallis showed a plan for the Cooke House property. He stated that the drainage on the property goes toward the historic house. They have to regrade the whole Cooke St. side of the property to slope away from the building. They also want to add a grass walkway next to the street.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there would be a sidewalk.

Mr. Wallis replied not in the usual sense of the word. There would be a grass walk outside the fence that will have an invisible grid support which will help with drainage.

Mr. Fuller stated that it is an overall good plan for enhancement of the area.

Mr. Donaroma was concerned about the canopy in the area. If there is no canopy, there is no shade. The chesnut and Norway maple were in good shape.

Mr. Wallis explained that he had wanted to keep the Chestnut, however it needed to be removed to do the grading. .

Mr. Donaroma wanted a plan with trees. He wanted five replacement trees of three to four inch caliper.

Mr. Wallis agreed to those terms.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the removal of the five trees with replacement trees of three to four inch caliper within sixty days of when they are removed with a final deadline of September 30, 2019. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

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

Approved:

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Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

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Margaret E. Serpa

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Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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