



VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Minutes of September 9, 2020

The duly warned regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission was electronically held on September 9, 2020.

**Trustees Present:** Riki French, Chair, Jack Anderson, Peter Gallo, Dan Young and Ken McPherson

**Others:** Carol Robertson, General Manager, Susan Trainor, Elisabeth Fenn, Peg Marcoux and Marianna Donnally.

Chair Riki French called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed residents of Prospect Street. There were no public comments.

There was a lengthy discussion of recent tree cutting within the median at the end of Prospect Street which harmed the aesthetic appeal of this historic side street. The cutting was made by the Town without notice. Residents were told by the Town staff that the cutting was related to a road paving bid for construction by November 1, 2020. Residents expressed concerns about stormwater as well as road and pedestrian safety. Residents were also concerned about the timing of water pipe replacements. The GM gave a presentation of underground utilities, "dig-once" standard operating process for utilities, the October 19, 2020 Dufresne Group presentation made prior to the water bond vote at the Public Hearing, as well as the DuBois & King Better Connections Plan. Small pipe replacements on side-streets are planned for Phase 2, and described as long-term projects in all documents. Ken McPherson expressed that multiple meetings were held describing the water improvement process, and the resulting construction plan and funding.

Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Jack Anderson to recommend an action to the Board of Trustees that ask the Selectboard to halt the paving until a streetscape process is completed. This process should hold public hearings with residents. Residents should receive a satisfactory resolution to the cutting of public trees without due process, as well as Town assurance that public tree due process will be taken in the future. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board expressed appreciation to attendees for presenting their concerns and working together for a good resolution.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo. The motion carried.

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Riki French

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Date