

Trumbull Conservation Commission
Agenda
Thursday September 29, 2011
7:00pm

Call to Order

Past Minutes: Minutes of June 28, 2011

Guest participants: Monroe Tree Conservancy Trust to discuss Cooperative Tree Ordinance

Old Business:

1. Report on Pequonnock River Initiative
2. Landscape/Tree Ordinance
3. IWWC Activities
4. Single Stream Recycling
5. GIS Update
6. Trumbull Nature Center

New Business

Adjournment

Next Meeting October 27

Attachments: Minutes of June 28 meeting
Draft of Trumbull Tree Ordinance

An Ordinance Establishing Standards for the Protection and Preservation of Trees

Section I. Findings and Purpose

The Town of Trumbull Town Council makes the Following Findings:

Subsection 1.1 It is established that trees serve an important public purpose in that they stabilize soil and so prevent soil erosion and flooding, help to reduce water pollution by absorbing soil contaminants, produce oxygen, absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and contribute significantly to the quality of life by reducing noise levels, providing privacy and aesthetically enhancing the environment.

Subsection 1.2 it has been further established as a legitimate function of government to take such reasonable measures to protect trees within critical areas on both private and public lands for the expressed purposes of promoting the general welfare and protecting property values.

Section II Definitions

- 2.1 Tree (coniferous and deciduous)
- 2.2 DBH Diameter at Breast Height
- 2.3 Caliper
- 2.4 hazardous Tree
- 2.5 Tree Removal Permit
- 2.6 Tree Preservation and Restoration Plan
- 2.8 Code Enforcement Office
- 2.9 Tree Warden

Section III Regulations Limiting the cutting and /or removal of trees on Private Lands

Subsection 3.1 Prohibition Against the cutting and or removal of trees within 100 feet of a river, stream, lake or pond

Subsection 3.2 Prohibition against the cutting and or removal of trees within 25 feet of a wetland.

Subsection 3.3 Prohibition against the cutting and or removal of trees within a required yard setback defined by zoning.

Section IV. Tree Preservation and Restoration Plan Requirements

Subsection 4.1 New Buildings and Additions

Subsection 4.2 Subdivisions

Subsection 4.3 Zoning variances (Including Removal of Existing Trees)

Section V... Removal of trees within public parks, town-owned lands, roadways and Rights-of-Way.

Section VI. Exemptions

Subsection 6.1 Hazardous Trees

Subsection 6.2 Demonstrated Root Damage

Subsection 6.3 Normal Pruning and Trimming of Trees

Subsection 6.4 Farms and Orchards

Section VII. Variances

An application for relief from any of the provisions of this ordinance may be filed in accordance with the requirements of a zoning (area) variance, including public hearing and notification of surrounding property owners

Section VIII Enforcement

Section IX. Penalties

Property owners who have or caused to be removed any tree(s) that is in violation of this Ordinance shall be required to submit a Tree Preservation and Restoration Plan. Such a plan shall include replacement of each tree removed with two (2) trees of similar type with a DBH of 4 inches minimum at the expense of said property owner.