

Victor Tree Board Meeting Notes of 11/09/15

Attendees: Bill Bross, Sophie Bennett, Emma Kubinski, Riley White, Bob Haggett, Hannah Stewart, Regina Muscarella, Andy Pleninger and Gene Pratt

Discussion:

1. **Hang Around Victor Day 2016** – The board saw value in this past year's participation in spite of the bad weather and would like to participate in the 2016 event. The form and check for reservation has been submitted to the Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$30.
2. **New York State Urban Forestry Council** – Bill B. has submitted the paperwork for membership of the tree board members. VCS students (Hannah Stewart, Emma Kubinski, Riley White) will also be enrolled at a cost of \$10 each.
3. **New York State Grant Application Update** – Reportedly nothing is new and the process is still on hold. Andy, Bill and others will monitor.
4. **Tree City USA Application** – All of the necessary info is being assembled by Gene for submission. The deadline is 12/31/15. There should be no problem with meeting that timeline.
5. **Victor Central Schools Student Participation** – Emma Kubinski, Hannah Stewart and Riley White, all seniors, will

be participating with the Tree Board. We welcome their enthusiasm and assistance.

6. **Tree Inventory Update** – The inventory process is complete and Andy shared the data at the meeting. The data reveals that we have much work to do that will require a multi-year focus on our urban forest with the top priority work done first. The data from this analysis will be the foundation of our work for the balance of this fiscal year as well as next. The proposal will be presented by Gene and Andy at our next meeting.
7. **Arbor Day Project 2016 & Partnering with VCS** – The area of the village that presents an excellent opportunity for a large scale project is School Street from the village line to Main Street. Andy has done some work on this proposal and has identified a total of 42 planting sites that can be approached in a step-like fashion. This would serve well as our Arbor Day 2016 project with the potential involvement of VCS students as appropriate. Hannah, Emma and Riley will serve as our links to the school. The attractive element about this opportunity is that we can do as much as funding allows and still have a positive impact. This opens the conversation about a fundraising event to help defer the costs. Monies from a grant via the NY DEC will also be an opportunity.

8. **Maple Ave Project** – Plans are in the works for road construction and utility upgrades per a conversation with John Turner. There will be an impact on some trees. Andy suggested that he should be involved as early in the planning process as possible in an effort to minimize the impact.
9. **Trees of Concern on VCS Property on High Street** – Gene has sent a “heads up” note to Chris Marshall with a formal letter forthcoming from John Turner and Gene that will detail the trees of concern along with documentation showing that they are not in the village right-of-way and therefore the school’s responsibility.