

Present: Christopher Morely, Michael Hunter, Michael Fee, Jody Kablack (Planner), Bill Place (DPW Director), Scott Taylor (Tree Warden), Carole Wolfe and Winn Fitzgerald (Sudbury Historical Commission), June Allen (Permanent Landscape Committee)

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Scenic Road Public Hearing

Chris Morely read the hearing notice into the record. An application has been filed by I. William Place, Director of Public Works, for the removal of 3 trees on Wayside Inn Road. The trees were posted and the hearing notice was published in the Sudbury Town Crier on July 24 and 31, 2003. Mr. Place informed the Board that the trees need to be removed to facilitate replacement of the bridge deck, scheduled for later in August. The trees are growing into the cap stone of the head wall and construction will be greatly eased if they are removed. Mr. Place showed the Board photographs of the trees. He also stated that a wooden guardrail will replace the exiting steel one at that location. Mr. Place also opined that given the blight affecting ash trees in Sudbury, these trees will eventually be diseased and will need to be removed.

Carole Wolfe suggested that the Town set up a tree replacement fund or program to replace trees taken down so that the streetscape is maintained. She distributed an article from the 1978 Annual Town Meeting that appropriated \$4000 for tree replacement town-wide.

Bill Place opined that the width of the public way on many of the older streets in town is not wide enough to plant trees in, and that in many cases trees would need to be planted on private property (with permission).

The members of the Historical Commission and Permanent Landscape Committee discussed the possibility of getting the garden clubs in town involved, and possibly applying to the Sudbury Foundation for a grant for the tree replacement program.

A motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing.

A motion was made, seconded and voted (3-0, unanimous) to approve the removal of 3 trees on Wayside Inn Road between utility poles 17 and 19, as posted.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.