

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2010 TREE PRESERVATION
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

7:00 p.m., Village Hall

Present:

Bob Marcott

Lee Neary

Public:

Linda Gilbert

Jeff Gehris

Miles Fox

Ian Fox

The subcommittee discussed issues and proposals regarding restraints on mass removal of trees. The following proposal was reviewed and discussed:

An owner of property may not remove more than [two to four] protected trees in any one calendar year that are located or partially located in the setback. A protected tree would be defined as certain species with a DBH of 4 inches. Trees that are diseased or otherwise compromised would be excepted. The penalty for violation would be a fine to the tree removal contractor and either a fine to the owner or the requirement that a replacement tree be planted in the setback.

The subcommittee discussed the importance of depositing any tree-related fines or penalties in a fund dedicated to replanting of trees rather than some other purpose. The concern of the subcommittee is that the tree population is aging and adequate steps should be taken to ensure that the community forest is populated by trees of all ages.