

**City of Norwalk
Ordinance Committee
October 19, 2021**

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Shanahan, Chair; David Heuvelman, Dominique Johnson, Tom Livingston, Kadeem Roberts, Tom Keegan

STAFF: Atty. Brian Candela

OTHERS: Chris Torre, Tree Warden, Peter Vitteretto, Audrey Cozzarin, Lawrence Losio, Paul Slotnick, Dr. Kipp

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Shanahan called the meeting to order at 7:06
A quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Possible action on: Discuss and vote on Chapter 112 - Trees

Peter Viteretto changed section 112-7 part d, to modify the definition of when trees need to be replaced.

Audrey Cozzarin commented on how pleased she is with the proposed tree chapter, and hopes the city views older, larger trees as assets to the city of Norwalk.

Lawrence Losio has concerns about the definition of legacy trees and how they will be treated if they are on private property. In section 112-10 tree or shrub replacement, he suggests adding specificity for legacy trees if they are on city or private land.

III. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

Ms. Shanahan read an overview of the new ordinance of Chapter 12 - trees.

Mr. Livingston had some minor language changes to Chapter 12.

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Language was added to section 112-10 D about the removal and replacement of legacy trees and the difference between legacy trees on city vs. private property.

There was discussion about including language which gives the tree warden the power to enforce replacement or fines for trees that are damaged or altered by pruning.

The fines and fees were clarified.

Atty. Candela reviewed all the changes so everyone was aware of how the final document would appear.

****** MR. HEUVELMAN MOVED TO VOTE TO SEND CHAPTER 112 - TREES TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THEIR NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 2021.**

****** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

****** MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING.**

****** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Shanahan thanked Mr. Roberts and Mr. Langella for their service to the committee.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM

There were no new discussion items.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

****** MR ROBERTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

****** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Chaple
Telesco Secretarial Services