

**Tree Commission Meeting
Village of Baxter Estates
April 21, 2026
1:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Malloy, Acting Chairman
David Abrams, Alternate Commissioner
Meghan Kelly, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Josh Speisman, Chairman
Pedro Avila, Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM, noting the attendance of Acting Chairman Malloy and Commissioner Abrams.

1. Approval of March 6, 2026, Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

On motion duly made by Acting Chairman Malloy, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2026, meeting.

2. Application of Joern Truemper, Owner of 8 Hilltop Road

On motion duly made by Acting Chairman Malloy, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant permission for removal of two (2) trees, as identified in the Application of Joern Truemper, owner of 9 Hilltop Road, Port Washington, NY 11050, approved for removal, conditioned upon payment of \$50.00 in permit fees, and depositing \$500.00 into the Village Tree Relief Fund. Let it be further,

RESOLVED that there is a mandated replant of one (1) replacement tree, which must be a minimum of 10 feet at planting and must reach a maximum maturity height of no less than 40 feet. The replant's species is at the discretion of the applicant; however it must be consistent with the Preferred Species List, or the applicant must obtain written approval from the Commission prior to planting. The tree relief fund deposit of \$250.00 can be refunded conditioned upon the completion of the mandated replanting in a timely manner and in accordance with all other provisions listed in Chapter 161 of the Village of Baxter Estates Code.

3. Application of Andrew Zamer, Owner of 16 Ridgeway Road

On motion duly made by Acting Chairman Malloy, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant permission for removal of one (1) tree, as identified in the Application of Andrew Zamer, owner of 16 Ridgeway Road, Port Washington, NY 11050, approved for removal, conditioned upon payment of \$50.00 in permit fees, and depositing \$250.00 into the Village Tree Relief Fund. Let it be further,

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4. Request from Thomas and Erica Aitken, Owners of 9 Harborview Drive

On September 4, 2025, the Tree Commission approved the application of Thomas and Erica Aitken, owners of 9 Harborview Road, Port Washington, New York, for the removal of two (2) trees, subject to a \$50.00 permit fee, a \$500.00 deposit into the Village Tree Relief Fund, and the requirement to replant one (1) replacement tree in accordance with Chapter 161 of the Village Code. The applicants have since provided a certified arborist letter confirming that the trees removed in the fall of 2025 were dead at the time of removal and would have been exempt from the replanting and deposit requirements.

On motion duly made by Acting Chairman Malloy, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant relief from the requirement to replant one (1) replacement tree and waives the \$500.00 Tree Relief Fund deposit, and further directs that any such funds previously paid be refunded. All other conditions of the September 4, 2025 approval remain in full force and effect.

On motion duly made by Acting Chairman Malloy, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 PM.

Submitted by Village Clerk-Treasurer Meghan Kelly