

**VILLAGE OF HAMBURG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

*MINUTES OF MEETING*

*Wednesday, August 14, 2013; 7PM*

*Hamburg Village Hall, 100 Main St., Hamburg, NY 14075*

**Present:**        **Commission Members:**, Edwin Drabek, Tom Collins, Stuart Wheaton, Andy Schrauth  
**Village Board Liaison:** Mark Colmeraurer

**Excused:**        Chair - Adrienne Punturiero, Dan Riker, Tim McDonald

**Guest:**            Richard Stedman, Iris Hill Consulting

**Village Tree Survey**

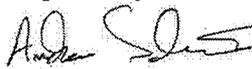
Richard Stedman discussed the results of the tree survey and the use of the freeware program, I-tree, in which the data is held:

- Purpose of tree survey is to
  - Understand what is the urban forest we have
  - Determine what we need to do to improve the urban forest
  - Utilize the survey as a 'next step' to secure additional grant monies
- Issues/Highlights that came to light from survey
  - Overall, most of the Village's tree are in good condition
  - There is a large percentage of Norway and Silver maples in Village (ideally, it is recommended to have a maximum of 10% of any one species in an urban forest)
  - The Village has an aging tree population – many old Silver maples
  - There are a total of about 3,200 trees / potential tree sites in the Village's R.O.W.s
  - Database contains a column labeled 'No Tree' that denotes the space has potential for a tree - there are about 750 sites available to plant trees
- DPW (Marc Shuttleworth) has survey database in I-tree format and as a spreadsheet (Excel format)
- Village must develop "value of tree" information in the I-tree software (input values from DPW) to fully utilize abilities of the program
- There is a potential to place survey information onto Village web site (if program copyright allows)
- There is a need to educate the public on the benefits of an urban forest
- After The Village deals with the 'Critical Tree' list (trees structurally unsound and in need of removal), the next step is to develop a tree management plan (need to work towards getting a grant to fund this work)

*Next regularly scheduled meeting September 11, 2013.*

*(agenda: develop tree management plan – what it is to achieve, target, and how it is to be utilized)*

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Schrauth