

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND  
TREE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 28, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Commission members Mark Miller, Madeliene McGee, and Milton Langley.

Members of the public present: No members of the public were present.

Members of Council: No members of Council were present.

Staff members present: Charles Drayton, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Jessi Gress, Licensing and Permit Technician. Rebecca Fanning, Director of Resilience and Natural Resource Management.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Miller called the meeting to order and stated that the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law and a quorum of Commission Members were present. There were no known members of media present.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM April 22, 2024:** Ms. McGee made a motion to approve the April 22, 2024 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Langley seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 9, 2024:** Ms. McGee made a motion to approve the May 9, 2024 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Langley seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS:**

**1659 Atlantic Avenue:** Lucas Morrison, homeowner, requested the removal of a healthy, Category 1, cedar tree (18" DBH). This request is being made in accordance with Zoning Ordinance, Section 21-162 B (Application for tree relocation, or removal and replacement) (PIN #529-07-00-046).

Mr. Drayton stated that this is a living cedar tree, and it poses no substantial hazards. The tree has survived natural and manmade damages over the years; while the tree has survived these incidents, they have damaged the tree, affecting its vigor and beauty. The applicant does not have a formal mitigation plan but will be developing one as the new home's landscape plans are considered.

Mr. Drayton stated that staff recommended that the Commission grant approval for the removal of this tree and consider a reduced mitigation fee with consideration for the quality of this tree.

Mr. Morrison presented his application to the Commission. Mr. Morrison stated that they do plan on doing some mitigation on the beach access side and the other side of the lot but currently do not have a mitigation plan as it is still in the works.

**No public comment was made.**

Ms. McGee suggested that in future, applicants come to the Tree Commission before they go to the Design Review Board to see if a tree can be saved before designing a home with the intent of the removal.

Mr. Langley suggested granting approval of the tree removal provided that they do a full mitigation plan.

**Mr. Langley made a motion to grant approval of the tree removal provided that the applicant submit a full mitigation plan. Mr. Miller seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Drayton provided the Commission with a brief summary on the Arbor Day event.

The Commission members briefly discussed the 2119 Middle Street parking lot, the Dominion Energy tree removal process, and the application regarding 1743 Atlantic Avenue.

**V. ADJOURN: Mr. Langley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Miller seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.**



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Mark Miller, Chairman

07-23-24

Date