

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
TREE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2024**

A special meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held at 10:00 a.m. at 1743 Atlantic Avenue. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Commission members Derek Wade, Donovan Glassburn, Madeleine McGee, and Milton Langley; Mark Miller, Chair, was present via Facetime.

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

Staff members present: Charles Drayton, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Rebecca Fanning, Director of Natural Resources and Resiliency.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Langley 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. TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS:

1743 Atlantic Avenue: Jerry Benoit, tree expert on behalf of property owner, and Sammy Rhodes, builder, requested removal of a category 1 oak tree of 23/21/21" in DBH. This request was made in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Section 21-162 B (Application for tree relocation, or removal and replacement) (PIN# 523-12-00-042). At the April Tree Commission meeting the applicants requested to withdraw their application and invited the Commission to meet on-site to review the characteristics of the tree and its location that are prohibitive for the development of the lot.

Mr. Drayton convened the special meeting under the oak tree in question at 1743 Atlantic Avenue. The Commission, staff, and the applicant discussed the imposition of the tree on the lot, and the need to vary the buildable area or remove large portions of the tree in order to create enough space on the lot for a new home. The meeting concluded with the agreement that the applicant, Ms. Fanning, and Derek Wade would meet again at the tree to discuss which limbs might be abridged in order to clear space for the development. Once they have met and discussed the potential for pruning to allow for a building envelope to fit on the lot, then the applicant will possibly return to the Tree Commission to request the tree's removal, if other options for moving the buildable area or trimming the tree do not satisfy the applicant.


No public comment was made.

Derek Wade made a motion to meet with the applicant and the Town's natural resource manager to discuss potential pruning; Donivon Glassburn seconded the motion and all were in favor, so the motion passed unanimously.

III. ADJOURN: Mr. Glassburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. Ms. McGee seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Miller, Chairman



Date