

Present: Mayor William Murphy, Trustees Don Hackett, Jeannine Mayer, Patrick Landewe, Terry Parisian, Vince Buono and Brian Martin  
Others: Alex Wade, Robert Ford – New Saugerties Times, Georgette Hughes, Colin Chase, Wendy Walker, Hugo Edwards, Chris Allen, Ed Quirk and others

### Public Hearing

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comment on Local Law #5/2013 – changes to the Village Tree Law.

Mayor Murphy called the Public Hearing to order at 500pm. Mayor Murphy explained the changes to the law that include partnering with property owners to repair sidewalks damaged by Village tree roots. The property owner shall procure 3 bids to repair the portion of their sidewalk damaged by tree roots. The Village will then pay 50% of the cost of the repair from the lowest bidder. Mayor Murphy also displayed a sample of new sidewalk material provided by Kingston Block Company. The sample looks like bluestone but is made of recycled material – it costs less and is more durable than bluestone. It could be a satisfactory alternative to blacktop or bluestone. There was no one from the public who wished to comment on Local Law #5/2013. Motion was made by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Buono, to close the Public Hearing. Carried unanimously. The hearing closed at 5:10pm.

### Regular Meeting

Mayor Murphy called the regular meeting of the Village Board to order at 5:10pm. Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Privilege of the Floor

Dr. Wendy Walker, 70 Allen Street, spoke saying she was opposed to the proposal to make Montross and Allen Street one-way. Her concerns included increased traffic on West Bridge and MacDonald Streets, increased commercial traffic on Montross and Allen, traffic congestion at intersection of West Bridge and Partition, snowy hills, and more.

Hugo Edwards, 70 Allen St., asked if an Environmental Impact Study had been done. He acknowledged that the right angle turn at Montross and Allen is dangerous but he feels it slows traffic down. Mr. Edwards suggested placing stop signs on Montross and Allen as an alternative.

Georgette Hughes, 37 Allen Street, spoke against the one-way proposal. She suggested looking at the parking issues on the streets. She also feels the turn slows the traffic.

Colin Chase, 26 South Partition, spoke against the one-way proposal. He agrees that the turn slows the traffic and likes the stop sign idea. He went on to say that these streets are a popular area with skateboarders.

Trustee Hackett spoke saying he has talked with residents of McDonald Street – they are concerned with parking issues. He liked the stop sign idea and suggested a “no thru traffic” sign also be installed. He said this is a dangerous situation for children and pets.

A resident of 26 South Partition also spoke against the one-way proposal.

Chris Allen introduced himself to the Board. He is a candidate for a seat in the UC Legislature and the Village would be in his district. He outlined his goals if he is elected.

There was no one else who wished to address the Board.

Mayor Murphy presented the Minutes of July 15, 2013 Village Board meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Buono, seconded by Trustee Hackett, to approve the minutes. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Buono presented the Abstract for August 5, 2013: General - \$51,506.67; Water - \$10,753.80; Wastewater - \$33,628.70. Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the Abstract. Carried unanimously.

Trustee Martin advised the Board that he attended a seminar in Rockland County on grant writing for fire departments. He will work with Chief Mason and Trustee Hackett. New Water Department employee Jeremy Staccio is doing very well. The wrought iron fence at Seamon Park is too brittle to be sand-blasted. The DPW will try to repair it.

Trustee Buono reported that Treasurer Helene King provided him with expenditure reports for all departments. All are on target.

Trustee Parisian advised the Board that the DPW is very busy with paving and summer projects.

Trustee Landewe presented Resolution #12/2013 (copy attached). This resolution supports the Town of Saugerties grant application to develop a multi-use trail system with some of the trail area in the Village. The resolution was seconded by Trustee Hackett and carried unanimously.

Trustee Mayer reported Old Timer’s Day was a success. There was discussion on the Comprehensive Plan and whether another Public Hearing was needed. Alex Wade mentioned that the comments recently received from the UC Planning Board need to be reviewed by the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Trustee Mayer said she has received several phone calls regarding the letter sent to businesses from the Water Department regarding backflow preventers. Clerk Mary Frank gave a brief overview of the program

and said she would ask Water Superintendent Mike Hopf to give the Board a more detailed report.

Trustee Hackett advised the Board that the boiler conversion to natural gas at the Wastewater Plant was complete. Work continues on the sewer break on Main Street. Trustee Hackett is investigating solar energy for the Wastewater Plant. A resident of Allen Street was concerned there may be lead in his water. Mike Hopf contacted the resident and assured him there is no lead in Village water, however older homes may have lead pipes. The resident was satisfied. All is well at the SFD.

Alex Wade presented his report (copy attached). He advised the Board of the new "Community Reconstruction Zones" project.

The Board tabled Local Law #5/2013 – changes to the tree law, until they receive comments from the Tree Commission.

Trustee Buono would like the Board to review a proposed rental property law for discussion at the next Village Board meeting. The Clerk will provide copies to the Board.

Trustee Parisian mentioned that the UC bus stop on West Bridge Street near Main, is an accident waiting to happen. He would like someone to review this choice with Ulster County. He asked what authority the Village had with Time Warner Cable – TWC is sneaking in a "backdoor" charge, not to mention the CBS/Showtime situation. The Clerk will provide him with a copy of the franchise agreement for his review.

Motion was made by Trustee Hackett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to adjourn. Carried unanimously. The Village Board adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Frank  
Village Clerk

Filed 8/7/13

**LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2013**

Be it enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Saugerties as follows:

**Section 1.**

Section 182-4 (a) of chapter 182 of the Code of the Village of Saugerties is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 182-4. Care of public trees

A) The shade tree commission, in appropriate cases and upon consultation with the property owner, may recommend to the Village Board the removal or pruning of a tree which stands upon private property but which threatens the safety or welfare of those who may use a Village street. Provided, however, that no person shall remove any public tree on a Village street without the direct written consent of the Shade Tree Commission.

**Section 2.**

Section 182-4(d-3) of Chapter 182 of the Code of the Village of Saugerties is hereby amended to read as follows:

d-3) Where it is determined by the Village Building Inspector that repair of the sidewalk is necessary due to fracture or disruption from the root structure of a public tree, the property owner shall procure three bids for the repair work to be done and the Village shall pay directly to the chosen contractor 50% of the lowest bid amount submitted. Reimbursement shall be limited to the area of the sidewalk affected by the tree root. The affected area shall be determined by the Village Building Inspector. Provided, however, that a property owner shall continue to bear all responsibilities and all liabilities related to the sidewalk as prescribed in the Village of Saugerties Law, Chapter 165: Streets and Sidewalks.

**Section 3.**

This article shall take effect when filed with the Secretary of State's office.

RESOLUTION #12/2013

WHEREAS, the Saugerties Comprehensive Plan recommends that the Village and Town cooperate on developing a multi-use trail system with connections to the Village, schools, and Cantine Field; and

WHEREAS, the Saugerties Area Mobility Analysis (SAMA) describes trails opportunities at the Cantine-Veterans Memorial Complex and Seamon Park, highlighting the need for recreation trails; furthermore SAMA states, "There is a need to maintain, preserve and enhance the natural features and views within the study area, while providing reasonable access so that these amenities can be employed";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Saugerties Board of Trustees that the Village of Saugerties supports the Town of Saugerties in its efforts to apply for funds from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreations and Historic Preservation for the development of a recreational trail network for the purposes of connecting parks, recreational facilities, open space, and scenic views.

Presented by: TRUSTEE LANDWESE

Seconded by: TRUSTEE HACKETT

Trustee Martin	<u>✓</u>	Trustee Hackett	<u>✓</u>
Trustee Mayer	<u>✓</u>	Trustee Buono	<u>✓</u>
Trustee Landewe	<u>✓</u>	Trustee Parisian	<u>✓</u>
Mayor Murphy	<u>✓</u>		

August 5, 2013

## **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Streetscape:** We have finally received approval to advertise for bids for this long-awaited project. Of course, I have a new set of regulations to follow closely as they have changed many of their requirements.

**Comprehensive Plan:** We have received the comments from the Ulster County Planning Board. There are many comments and several of them conflict with local community desires. Several are common sense and point out important omissions. These recommendations are not mandatory. We can vote to override them. It's up to the boards and the committee to decide.

**CRZ (Community Reconstruction Zones):** New York State originally banded together 11 Hudson Valley communities to form one CRZ zone for our region. Lori DuBord, Maurice Hinchey's former aide was put in charge of the entire Hudson River region. The original plan was a committee of 12 persons for the 11 communities. I was designated by the Governor's office as the representative for our Village. Since this is a fast track plan, they realized that we did not have enough members to complete the program on time and that more local representation is needed. Volunteers are needed, particularly from hard-hit areas.

Our damage was confined to waterfront areas, particularly below the dam, where it was quite severe. We also had problems with turbid water at the water treatment plant. These problems were discussed with Lori at a meeting last week with Mayor Murphy.

**Alex Wade**

**5 August, 2013**