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FROM: Nashville Tree Board

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TO: Nashville Town Council

SUBJECT: Special Tree Board Meeting

The Nashville Tree Board met at the Nashville Town Hall on Thursday, August 18, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. Present was Bruce Gould, John Davis, Cathy Paradise, Rick Patrick, and Bob Kirlin.

The removal of a tree by parties unknown in front of the Muddy Boots Café was discussed. This was a mature tree on state highway right-of-way property between the sidewalk and street in front of Muddy Boots. After discussion it was determined that, if Muddy Boots was responsible for removal of the tree, they are in violation of the tree ordinance and should be duly notified by letter from the Town advising them of said violation and assessing a fine in accordance with the ordinance. They should also be required to remove the remaining tree truck, grind out the stump, and replant a tree of a species determined by the Tree Board.

After discussion about the remaining wood chip piles resulting from grinding out the stumps of the ten trees recently removed, it was decided that the town should removed the chip piles, put down a layer of soil, and seed the areas. These tree locations are not suitable for immediate replanting due to stump residue underground and root systems in the area. New trees can be planted within three or four feet of a tree that was removed. The next time a tree cutting takes place, wood chip removal should be part of the contract.

It was decided to purchase 20 trees from Woody Warehouse Nursery for a fall planting. Bruce will work with Rick Patrick to select several appropriate species and then work with Phyllis to get them ordered and make arrangements for pickup late in October. The planting sites will be a combination of sites determined by the Tree Survey and sites created by recent tree removals. The trees will be planted by arborist volunteers and will be of small enough size that no backhoes or other equipment will be needed.

This planting effort will conclude tree removal/plantings for 2011. So far the cost has been over \$5000 for removals and a projected \$400.00 for new trees. The Town Council budgeted \$10,000 for this project this year. The Tree Board feels that this year's efforts have been very beneficial to the town and of a scale that is appropriate. A similar number of removals/plantings should take place for at least the next two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Bruce Gould

Nashville Tree Board