

Minutes of the Work Session Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, September 13, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Lorraine Walsh
Trustees Carol Casazza Herman
Peter Fanelli
Sarah Bauer
Brigid Brennan

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION
Native Plants

WHEREAS, the Village has the opportunity to preserve its natural heritage as well as promote sustainable landscapes by choosing native plants, i.e., plants native to the County of Westchester and the Northeast; and

WHEREAS, native plants enhance the beauty of the landscape, maintain and restore biodiversity, support native pollinators, butterflies, and birds, and protect local ecosystems and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, native plants minimize the need for chemical applications; and

WHEREAS, native plants have historical and cultural interest that help promote the Village's regional identity; and

WHEREAS, municipal landscape projects promote public awareness and education and can be a catalyst for the general public to use native plants in private and commercial landscaping;

WHEREAS, invasive, non-native plants threaten the natural heritage and identity of the Village and New York State, disrupt the ecology of natural ecosystems, displace native plant and animal species, and degrade our unique and diverse biological resources; and

WHEREAS, New York State has passed regulations prohibiting and regulating certain invasive species;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village's Board of Trustees do hereby order and direct to each and every department, board, agency, and commission of the Village, as follows:

1. Plant materials native to the Village and the Northeast or their cultivars shall be considered first and, where feasible, used in designing, planting, maintaining, and managing the landscape features of all Village roadsides, parks, public areas, and other Village properties and facilities within the Village proper (hereafter "Village lands").

2. Plans and specifications for any Village contract involving landscaping and/or plantings shall, where practical and appropriate, require the use of native plants. Where no native plant fits the ecological niche, non-native plants that are non-invasive and beneficial to wildlife may be considered in place of native plants.
3. All plant species listed as Prohibited and Regulated in New York State's NYCRR PART 575 Invasive Species Regulations shall be prohibited in all Village lands, and where the opportunity presents itself, these species may be eradicated from Village lands.
4. Site design and construction as well as plant selection shall incorporate considerations such as biological needs, low maintenance, low water usage, character of plant communities at project sites, and minimal need for fertilizers and pesticides. Appropriate site and soil analysis may be performed, matching plant characteristics with site and soil conditions, to ensure success of the planting of native plants.