

## **Agenda Item: Zoning Motion 2017-3, Text Amendments to the Tree Protection and Landscaping Ordinance**

**DATE:** October 4, 2017  
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### **Background/Issue:**

- The Town Board requested that staff research possible changes to Matthews Tree Protection and Landscape Regulations. Concern was raised because of the large number of trees being removed for new development and the reduction of Matthews' tree canopy.
- Mary Jo and I reviewed Matthews current UDO Tree Protection and Landscape Regulations. We reviewed processes, responsibilities for Planning staff and the Landscape Manager, and submittal requirements.
- I attended the August Tree and Appearance Advisory Board meeting and, although they did not have a quorum in attendance, I presented the recommended text amendments.
- I presented a variety of changes that could be made to the UDO to enhance the health of Matthews' tree canopy. Based on the feedback received from the Town Board and informal discussion with the Tree and Appearance Board, I am presenting the attached text amendments.

### **Proposal/Solution:**

Hold public hearing and give feedback on the proposed text amendments.

### **Financial Impact:**

Potential for additional revenues from payment-in-lieu that can solely be used for the enhancement of the Matthews tree canopy and landscaping functions.

### **Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:**

Quality of Life

### **Recommended Motion/Action:**

Hold the public hearing on the attached text changes to the Landscape chapter of the Matthews UDO then send to Planning Board for their recommendation.