

RESOLUTION

NUMBER 185-09

(RE: CREATING A LIST FOR THE RETENTION OF ISA-CERTIFIED ARBORISTS AS PER SECTION 283 TREES OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT CODE)

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted the Tree Ordinance on February 25, 2008 by Local Law No. 1 of 2008 which repealed the former Chapter 283 Trees, adopted October 15, 1991 by Local law No. 3-1991, and

WHEREAS, Section 283 (C) (2) of the Tree Ordinance requires that property owners applying for subdivision approval and/or site plan approval and/or a building permit whose plans require the removal of 4 or more trees on said property shall submit a tree inventory completed by an ISA-certified arborist appointed by the Town but paid for by the applicant, and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) with the assistance of the Director of Technical Services, the Deputy Planning Director and the Open Space Coordinator interviewed interested ISA-certified arborists.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CAC recommends that the Town Board retain the following following three (3) firms as Town approved ISA-certified arborists at an hourly rate not to exceed one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars per hour:

The Care of Trees
57 Valley Avenue
Elmsford, NY 10523-3008

Bartlett Tree Experts
2240 Saw Mill River Road
Elmsford, NY 10523

Steven Knapp
On Earth Plant Care Specialists, Inc.
56 Ridge Ave.
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAC recommends that their continued appointment will depend upon annual evaluations according to the following criteria:

1. The clarity of the arborists' reports.
2. The degree to which the work conforms to the letter and spirit of the Tree Preservation Ordinance of 2008.
3. The willingness of the consultant to work with the CAC, the Town's own arborists, other Town staff, and the Planning Board.