

ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE
Meeting March 11, 2013

In Attendance August Pampel, Kenneth Bombaci, Nancy Hudson, Mark Pratt.

Approval of Minutes The minutes from the previous meeting on Oct. 18, 2012 were distributed to the attending Committee members

After discussion, the minutes were approved with no changes.

Old Business

The possibility of initiating a planting project in the vicinity of the electric substation at the corner of West Ave. and Saybrook Rd. is being moved to a low priority due to the extensive work around Town Hall.

A tree is scheduled to be planted in front of 41 Main St. in Essex Village, and one is to be planted at 36 West Ave

A study of the possibility of changing the legal form of the Tree Committee into a 501C non-profit concluded there was no advantage over the current form of organization. Donations to the Committee are tax-deductible in the present form.

New Business

Kenneth Bombaci is replacing Ann Penniman on the Committee. Ann Penniman has resigned.

Three events will commemorate Arbor Day this year:

Land Trust and Tree Warden will present an educational program on the grounds of Essex Elementary School.

The Tree Committee will replace a "Star Magnolia" tree on the school grounds.

The financing for the planting was provided by a combination of a donation from the Essex Land Trust and monies raised by a program established by Essex school children.

The Committee has received a \$600 donation from the Garden Club to finance a tree planting.

The Community Fund has made a pledge of \$500 to be received at the end of March.

There does appear to be a possibility of receiving a donation from the Essex Rotary.

The Committee has not yet been reimbursed by the State for expenses incurred under the America the Beautiful program.

Commemorative plaques honoring funding for tree plantings will now be displayed in Town Hall and updated once a year.

Kenneth Bombaci stated that it might be possible to obtain trees at a lower price than what the Committee is currently paying by buying them from a nursery on Long Island. He will do further research.

August Pampel has appointed Susan Malan as Deputy Tree Warden in recognition of her efforts to protect the street trees of Essex.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 am