

Minutes Tree Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

In attendance: August Pampel, chairman.
Susan Malan, John Molloy, Mark Pratt, Judy Saunders.

August Pampel called the meeting to order at 10:02am. He stated that the next meeting will be on October 13th at 10:00am in conference room B of City Hall. This will be the last meeting of the tree committee for calendar year 2015.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed by the committee members and approved as read.

Treasurer's report: August Pampel presented the financial summary to the committee. As of the meeting date the balance of available funds is \$5226.39. August stated the tree committee has received funds from numerous sources during the summer.

Old business: The beautification project for West Avenue has been completed with the planting of 33 Red Cedar trees next to the grounds of the firehouse at the intersection of West Avenue and Saybrook Road. The Swam White Oak financed by the the Essex Police Union has been planted on Methodist Hill. Two trees were planted in front of Middle Cove Condominiums. One of these trees were donated by the Essex Rotary and the other was donated by Tamara A. Sutfin and Katherine Wadlow. The London Plane Tree has been planted on Dennison Road in memory of Barbara Edwards. Thank you notes have been sent to all Individuals and organizations who have made donations to the Tree Committee.

New Business: Some of the trees on North Main Street have split. A new system using cables and braces will be applied to damaged trees to arrest the problem. Potential new projects are: investigating problems associated with the Copper Beech tree in front of the Copper Beech Inn branches that appear to be collapsing, the placement of trees to be included in the reconstruction of the Cumberland Farms store in Centerbrook, and the landscaping by exit 3 on route 9 is still in progress.....Cherry trees may be planted there. The plaques to honor new donors of funds to the Tree Committee are almost completed.

August Pampel presented several Tree Warden updates. Eversource is continuing with its policy of using "EnhancedTree Trimmings" (ETT) on roads in Connecticut with the potential potential environmental problems. A town meeting will be held on Sept. 28th at 6:00pm in the Conference Room A of the Town Hall to discuss this problem. The "Emerald Ash Borer", an invasive insect that destroys Ash trees has been discovered in Clinton and appears headed for Essex. There are 5 or 6 Ash Trees on the town property that are potential targets for infection. An epidemic of Gypsy Moths may also occur next year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by August Pampel at 10:44am.

Respectively submitted,

John Molloy, secretary