### **ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Regular meeting in conference room B of Essex Town Hall on May 10, 2016

### IN ATTENDENCE

August Pampel, Kenneth Bombaci, Nancy Hudson, Susan Malan, John Molloy, Judy Saunders.

August Pampel called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

### PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting on April 19, 2016 were approved as read.

## TREASURERS REPORT

The balance in the Tree Committee Account is \$5551.35. Additional funding to be received from the Town of Essex on July 1, 2016 is \$6000.00

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The first plaques to honor contributors to the Tree Committee and Town of Essex have been received and have been installed in Town Hall. More plaques are still in production and will be installed at a later date.

Waiting for confirmation of the America the Beautiful Grant (ATB) in the amount of \$3000 from the State of Connecticut.

The article by Judy Saunders on the Emerald Ash Borer published in the <u>Valley Courier</u> has been well received

The project to improve the landscaping of the Route 153/154 intersection is now in physical implementation. The bridges carrying Route 9 over the intersection have been painted green. The Essex Tree Committee has no financial interest in the project, but contributes in a voluntary advisory capacity. We may donate one tree to the project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The White Oak planted on Methodist Hill utilizing funds from the previous ATB Bran appears to have died. POST MEETNG: Its alive

Connecticut in now facing an invasion of <u>Gypsy Moths</u> that could further damage the tree inventory of the State. There will be more information on this species made available to the news media.

# **ADJURNMENT**

August Pampel