

ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes 3/22/2023  
Special Meeting

**In attendance:** Augie Pampel, Susan Malan, Ken Bombaci, Glen Jacobsen, Robbie Marshall and Matt Winkler

Augie Pampel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes approved

**Treasurer's Financial Report**

Augie Pampel submitted a treasures report that shows \$10,132.97 in the Sinking Fund and 1,595.00 in the General Fund. S. Malan objected to the term sinking fund and said it could be open to any town uses and therefore, should be changed to restricted donation fund.

- A. Pampel will talk to Tract Celentano our financial director to get her comments on this request.

**Discussion:**

Pampel spoke briefly about the different categories of monies. He also talked about the \$1,300 we have received in donations recently.

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence.

**Old Business:**

A. Pampel talked about the plaques that are on the wall in the basement of the town hall. He will be making contact with Pamela Regina to talk about creating cardboard round the list of names where a small garden truck appears. Pamela has already told A. Pampel that she is retiring soon but has a very capable calligrapher.

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**New Business**

A. Pampel talked about the Pink Chestnut at #7 High Street that was run over by an Amazon truck that will be replaced by us. Pampel told the committee that's the Syrax at 35 Main Steet, Essex died during the drought last year and will also be replaced.

A. Pampel talked BLD (Beech Leaf Disease). Many labs are working on prevention or cure. There are combinations of foliar spraying that are being looked at. NOTHING WILL BE PUBLISHED YET.

A. Pampel will continue to be the secretary.

A. Pampel reviewed the list of possible tree sites for 2023. He will be working on contacting abutting property owners. S. Malan will contact owner of #48 River Road and talk about the possibility of three trees at that location. One on the Carriage Lane side and two on the River Road side. G. Jacobson will look at the corner of Clark Lane and Maple Avenue for a possible planting site.

G. Jacobson asked about the use of root collars for tree planted in tight areas. A, Pampel will check with Fred Weber.

S. Malan will also look at the measurements at the corner of Walnut Street and North Main Street, Ivoryton for possible tree site. When our street trees start to flush out S. Malan, A. Pampel and R. Marshall will write an article for publication in local news media.

A. Pampel told the committee that our EES commitment to plant a tree jointly with the ELT will be happening on Arbor Day, April 25 in back by playground. D. Esty will be at the EES location for discussion with the children.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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