

ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Monday, Feb. 10, 2014

In Attendance August Pampel, Nancy Hudson, John Molloy, Mark Pratt, Judy Saunders.

August Pampel called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Approval of Minutes Minutes from the previous meeting on Oct. 22 2013 were distributed to the attending Committee members. After discussion, the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report The balance of funds in the Tree Committee account is \$864.90.

Old Business

The trees scheduled to be planted in 2013 were picked up from the nursery in November 2013 and were planted just before Christmas.

A \$500.00 donation from the ECF was used to plant an English Oak in 2013.

New Business

An article on the activities of the Tree Committee appeared in the most recent number of Essex Events magazine, the publication of the town of Essex.

Mark Pratt and Judy Saunders will need to be officially reappointed to the Committee by the Town Clerk.

August Pampel will request an allocation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the town budget to finance the activities of the Committee in 2014. The funds will be used primarily as matching funds to expand participation in the America The Beautiful (ATB) grant operated by the State of Connecticut.

The value of the ATB grant under the 2013 application was two thousand three hundred seventy-two dollars. (\$2,372) which required the Town of Essex to commit one thousand one hundred eighty-six (\$1,186) dollars as matching funds

A new plaque has been installed in the basement of Town Hall, in the area allocated, to recognize those who have made donations for the planting of Town street trees.

August Pampel gave a presentation to the Essex Board of Trade. It was mentioned that not every merchant in Essex is a member of the Board but the presentation was an important publicity opportunity.

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 25 this year with details to follow.

According to Connecticut law, a municipality is prohibited from planting trees or shrubs in the right-of-way of a state highway.

The Essex Tree Committee is not a 501-C3 nonprofit organization but functions in accordance to the standards of non-profit organizations.

The meeting adjourned at 10 am