

ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday OCT. 22, 2013

In attendance: August Pampel, Kenneth Bombaci, Nancy Hudson Susan Malan, John Molloy Mark Pratt, Judy Saunders.

August Pampel called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. He stated this would be the last regular meeting of the Tree Committee in 2013.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting on Sept. 9, 2013 were discussed by the Committee members and approved as read.

Treasurer's financial report: Nancy Hudson presented the following financial information: Total Funds: \$4455.24.

Old business: The donation of five hundred dollars (\$500) by the Community Fund will be used to plant an "English Oak" at seven Dennison Road.

There is a delay in digging trees at the nursery on Long Island because of the lack of rain that could affect the survivability of the transplanted trees. The delay is not considered to be critical

New business: The 3013 application for the state "America the Beautiful" grant will include plantings in Ivoryton. The amount of money requested under the grant will be twenty-seven hundred dollars (\$2,700).

An article on August Pampel and his efforts at tree planting by Rita Christopher appeared in the most recent edition of the Valley Courier newspaper.

Partly as a result of the newspaper article, Mrs Larry Timmerman made a five hundred dollar (\$500) donation to the Tree Committee. In the thank-you letter the Committee will ask the donor if she has selected a site where she would like to have trees planted.

Pamela Labriola has created a decorative plaque to be included in the Tree Committee display in City Hall.

Members of the Committee will increase efforts at fund raising. Other local non-profit organizations may have available funds.

August Pampel is to make a presentation on trees to the Rotary Club.

Examples of the invasive insect species Emerald Ash Borer have been discovered in Connecticut.

The Emerald Ash Borer is an extremely destructive insect and is moving very quickly

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.