

Minutes Tree Committee

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

In Attendance: August Pampel, Chairman.

Kenneth Bombaci, Susan Malan, John Molloy, Mark Pratt and
Judy Saunders.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

The plaques to honor residence who have made special efforts for the improvement of the urban forest of Essex are still being worked on.

The balance in the general fund will be \$6000 as of July1, 2016.

The 2016 ATB grant from the State Department of Urban Forestry has \$174,000 required for the projects submitted. Available dollars equate to \$122,000.

The program to replace Legacy Trees is continuing, with trees at the following locations to be replaced in 2016:

147 Dennison Road.

In front of the Ivoryton Inn.

20 Maple Ave.

The Princeton Elm on North Main Street.

Two trees in Ivoryton Park.

48 River Road.

New Business:

All persons involved with the Government of the Essex Area are now required to sign a form/agreement to comply with a state code of ethics policy.

Under a new policy the Connecticut Certified tree warden is now encouraged to become an "advanced certified Tree Warden".

August Pampel will apply for the certificate.

A recent report states the the "Emerald Ash Borer" has been discovered in Old Saybrook. The state does not have a program to eradicate this insect, and all ash trees in the Essex area are vulnerable to this infection. This year also promises to bring a severe infection of the Gypsy Moth.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by August Pampel at 10:47am.