

ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday May 13, 2013

**In attendance:** Augie Pampel, Nancy Hudson, Susan Malan, Mark Pratt, Judy Saunders, Ken Bombaci

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the previous meeting on April 15, 2013 were discussed by the attending Committee members and approved as read.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Nancy Hudson reviewed the report with ETC members and it was approved.

**Discussion:**

None at this time

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old Business:**

**ATB Fall Grant:** Augie reported that the DEEP had visited our Fall 2012 planting sites and all were approved. He will send the DEEP a copy of Fred Weber's invoice and the check sent for payment. We should receive the reimbursement soon after.

**ETC Budget For 2013:** Augie reported the submitted amount of \$3000.00 needs approval at a Town Meeting.

***POST MEETING:*** \$3000.00 was approved at Town Meeting

**Arbor Day Events:** Augie Pampel reported that all plantings were successful.

**Essex Community Fund donation:** Augie will contact Jackie Doane prior to our Fall Plantings and identify one tree as the donation from ECF. Photos and article will give each organization good press.

**Tree purchases:** Ken Bombaci talked about our plan to source the Fall Planting trees from a large wholesaler. Ken and Augie will work on this plan during the summer months.

**Tree Planting Sites for Fall 2013:** Judy Saunders requested additional trees along Ivoryton Main Street in front of the Piano Factory. Augie will review Town property in that area.

The other area discussed originates at the corner of West Avenue and Route 154 and continues to the rear entrance of the fire department property. Augie will talk to John Guskowski, the Town Planner, to discuss any plans the recent traffic study may have for this area. If none, Augie will contact Fred Weber and request a landscaping plan for this area.

Augie will e-mail the ETC with all tentative planting sites prior to the September meeting for review and approval. Any suggested sites can be e-mailed to him during this period.

**New Business:** Susan Malan will research the matching grant process that was recently used by the Essex Park and Recreation Department.

Augie will talk to John Guskowski about a recent grant proposed for the Ivoryton Village area.

A 2013 Fall ATB Grant from the DEEP is not very probable at this point.

The next meeting of the Tree Committee will be held on September 9, 2013 at 10:00AM in conference room B of Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.