

ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes 9/14/2022

In attendance: Augie Pampel, Susan Malan, Ken Bombaci, Phyllis O'Neil, Glen Jacobsen, Robbie Marshall

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 \$8432.97 in the Sinking Fund and \$1,660 in the general fund.

Discussion:

None

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Old Business:

A round table of introductions was done and each member gave a little background on themselves and why they joined the ETC.

A.Pampel indicated that all trees for our 2022 have been planted and are doing well. One of last year's plantings unfortunately has died because of the severe drought conditions. The town is watering them on a bi-weekly basis.

S. Malan questioned one of the addresses on the document sent out for our 2022 plantings and she was right. **Post Meeting:** A. Pampel changed it and resent to the committee with correct address. The change was 58 instead of 56 Main Street Essex.

K. Bombaci asked about trees that were removed at the foot of Main Street Essex. A. Pampel said that they were on private property and he no control over their removal.

A. Pampel has met with our calligrapher and the work is finally being processed for a continuation of updates to the Trees Given to the Town of Essex plaques.

A. Pampel told the committee once again that our main planting objective is to replace the trees that have been removed. During the winter months he will compile a list of possible locations for new trees in 2023 and will share that list of locations with all members. Members can visit locations and start to think about what should be planted in the area of removal.

A. Pampel gave an update on Beech Leaf Disease and shared a letter with the committee, which the CTPA presented to all arborists attending the summer meeting. It is an excellent document that discusses the history of BLD.

New Business:

G. Jacobsen spoke about the American Chestnut project now being conducted by the Essex Land Trust at Cross Lots. Several small trees have been planted and will be monitored over the coming years. The final objective is to develop an American Chestnut that is totally chestnut blight resistant. Great project!!

R. Marshall offered to write an article about the ETC's 2022 planting project and place it in Essex Events. **POST MEETING:** Article was written and reviewed. It will be sent in for next Essex Events. Thanks Robbie!!

A. Pampel will send the committee a list of meeting dates for 2023 prior to year end. Any preferences for day of week can be shared with him.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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