

ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2015

Regular Meeting

Essex Town Hall, in Conference Room B

IN ATTENDANCE: August Pampel, Kenneth Bombaci, John Molloy

August Pampel called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on October 28, 2014 were approved by the attending members.

Treasurer's Financial Report

In the absence of Nancy Hudson, the Treasurer, the Financial Summary was presented by August Pampel, Committee Chairman.

Committee Account Total dollars available \$4,210.24

Correspondance

The Committee received a letter from the Connecticut State Department of Forestry that the grant application submitted in December 2014 under the "America The Beautiful" program had been denied. This is covered more fully under New Business below.

Old Business

1. The planting site for the English Oak donated by the Essex Police Union has been agreed upon.
2. The Essex Condominium Association will make a donation for the planting of a tree in front of their property on South Main St.
3. A donation has been made by Jill Childress for the planting of a tree in front of 41 North Main St. to replace a tree that died.

The trees financed under the 2014 "America the Beautiful" grant submitted in the Spring of 2014 have been planted and approved by the Connecticut Department of Forestry.

The possible planting of a tree in conjunction with the establishment of a pocket park on North Main St. is in suspension pending a decision on the total landscaping of the site.

New Business

The proposal for tree plantings submitted in December 2014 under the Connecticut "America The Beautiful" program has been denied by the Connecticut Department of Forestry. In a letter delivered to August Pampel, Tree Committee Chairman, the Dept. stated that although the application was worthy of merit, Essex has been the beneficiary of numerous grant awards in the past and the Award Committee decided to award the grant money to a town that had not previously benefited from the program.

The Arbor Day celebration is in the planning stage and promises to be a good publicity event this year.

There was an extensive discussion of a strategy for the planting of trees in the area of the electrical substation at the corner of West Ave. and Saybrook Rd.

The display in Town Hall honoring those who have made donations to the Tree Committee is being updated.

Adjournment

August Pampel adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.