

Helena Bailey Spencer/ Val Gallivan Tree Committee
April 7, 2022 – 3 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

Present : Sue Mayne, Joyce Zien, Todd Mervosh, Ginny Bromage, Connie Murray and Michele Holcombe, Anita Wardell, Judy Hanmer and Kacy Colston.

Absent: Kevin Sullivan, Mike Turgeon.

Sue Mayne, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. She reported Aggie has resigned and all other members have been reconfirmed and need to be sworn in at the Town Clerk's office.

Judy motioned and Anita seconded to approve the minutes of the 3-10-22 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no Treasurer's report as a new Town Treasurer had just been appointed the previous night. Sue introduced the new Town Treasurer, Kacy Colston.

Sue gave an update on Eversource's Vegetation Management Program and reported that 2 more trees will be removed on South Main Street.

Sue thanked the Tree Committee members for their contributions toward the Garden Club's new capital fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and reported that she has spoken with Colin regarding setting up an account with the Town in order for the Tree Committee to accept donations and it is to be put on the Selectmen's agenda.

Sue shared samples of materials that will be needed at the Tree Committee's display table for Arbor Day, May Market and Farmers' Market. It was agreed that Sue would spend personal money for the items presented and be reimbursed when we have funds that can be used for such items. A Zak Fund grant application requesting money for marketing materials to promote Trees for Suffield has been submitted by the Garden Club.

Sue passed out a copy of a flyer distributed by the Town of Bloomfield's "Trees for Bloomfield" listing seminars and activities offered to its residents throughout the year. Sue asked that the Committee members review the list, make suggestions for our own similar calendar of events and determine which initiative they may like to lead. Connie agreed to look into speakers.

Sue discussed creating a fundraising list (to keep track of who have we already contacted and who is yet to be contacted) and dividing it up amongst the Committee members. Ginny suggested lists be completed and sent to her by April 30. Ginny mentioned Sustainable CT and America the Beautiful grants and Judy agreed to do some research.

In the interest of the Tree Committee ramping up its presence in Town, Sue suggested, among other ideas, writing a monthly article for The Suffield Observer and sponsoring a photo contest. Ginny has agreed to write the first few articles with other members contributing throughout the year. Sue will write some related articles for Garden Club. Judy and Michelle have agreed to head the Farmers' Market initiative.

Special meetings have been scheduled for May 5 and June 9, 2022, 3 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room.

There was no community input.

Anita motioned and Michelle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Bromage, Secretary