

Gallivan/ Spencer Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2022

Call to Order: 3:00

Present: Sue Mayne, Michele Holcombe, Anita Wardell, Judy Hanmer, Joyce Zien, Connie Murray, Kacy Colston, Colin Moll

The secretary's report was accepted.

The treasurer's report was accepted. There is \$24,475.15 spendable income in the Spencer tree fund.

Available to spend in the Gallivan Fund: \$5,659.92.

These amounts will be updated next month by the HFPG (Hartford Foundation for Public Giving).

We did not receive a grant from the Zak fund for marketing materials

Arbor Day (April 30) planting was a success with \$204 in donations. Five trees were planted on the North Green. The cash that was gathered will remain in the Chair's possession until advice from HFPG. Becky Tobias was concerned about the location of the plantings near an electrical box used for Suffield on The Green. She thought the tree would impact the placement of some of the games used. Colin Moll is aware of the complaint.

Eversource planted 3 trees near the Civil War monument, "framing" the monument.

At May Market we will have a table near Hilltop Farm and the Land Conservancy.

Calendar of Events for Trees for Suffield:

Rules and regulations for the Photo Contest need to be prepared. Sue is working on a link and QR code for the public to use to register and get information. Kacy Colston suggested using a "tiny url Suffield photo". The information for the calendar needs to be ready by May 14 to be in the June Observer. There will be 2 divisions: Adult and Youth with different categories such as close-ups, abstract, single tree, multiple trees. There will be possibly 2-3 winners in each category.

Ginny Bromage suggested an exhibit of the winners at the library in January 2023. Also, they could be shown at the Phelps-Hatheway Gallery in the summer of 2023.

The possibility of Tree Committee providing matts and/or frames for the photos for the exhibit was raised.

Kevin Sullivan and Prides Corner Farm will supply trees or shrubs for us to sell at the Farmer's Market on July 9 and August 20. Two volunteers will be present to pass out information and answer questions.

The tree pruning workshop on June 11 from 10-12 will use the dogwoods on Main Street for samples. We will not have rain date.

The tree identification workshop on Oct 1 from 10-12 will use Main St for identifying trees. There are many varieties and many people walk along that street.

On Nov 7 the Suffield Garden Club is tentatively planning a lecture on Frederick Law Olmsted and the plans his firm designed for George Hendee of Hilltop Farm in 1928. We could have a presence at that meeting.

Also, Hilltop Barn is now available for rentals with heat and electricity inside. Our committee could pair with SGC or Hilltop for a program on Trees for Suffield.

Sue will find out who is in charge of lighting the Holiday Tree in Dec.

We received a spreadsheet of all the businesses in town, although it may not be totally accurate due to Covid shutting down a lot of businesses. Joyce thought we should wait before seeking donations. Anita suggested we wait until we have good presence and more people are aware of our committee and goals to start calling for donations. Colin Moll said they are working on a link to Trees for Suffield on the town website.

The multi-use walk being built on Mountain Road gives us a possibility to plant some high profile trees in the fall. We need measurements of the available space, and to contact property owners along the trail with our ideas and plans. We might ask the property owners for a commitment to water new plantings. A grant from HFPG or other organizations could be available. It was suggested that we plan for a fall planting.

The Eversource and the Scenic Highway Committee in Ct have approved the Planting Plan, DOT has yet to sign off on it.

Special Meeting is scheduled for June 9
Meeting Adjourned:4:20

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Holcombe