

Helena Bailey Spencer/ Val Gallivan Tree Committee
January 19, 2023

Present were Chairman Susan Mayne, Kacy Colston, Todd Mervosh, Connie Murray, Joyce Zien, Michele Holcomb and Judith Hanmer.

The meeting called to order at 3:04 pm

In the absence of the Secretary, Judith Hanmer recorded the business.

The Secretary report from 10/13/22 was passed as is.

The Secretary report from 12/8/22 was amended and passed with the following corrections:

3rd line: corrected spelling of "Mane" to "Mayne"

8th paragraph: change "2 times larger" to "that is better"

9th paragraph: remove "4" from number of sessions

11th paragraph: change "homeowners who agreed" to "homeowners who want a roadside tree and agree"

14th paragraph: change first sentence to "Sue reported that the planting site for Arbor Day 2023 may be the area between Kent Memorial Library and Café Barista". Second sentence change "trees" to "a tree".

The Treasurer Report was accepted as presented. Kacy had also done research on the cost options for using Constant Contact for our mailings. We may consider this option as our mailing list grows.

The goal of tree planting for 2023 was discussed. 15 trees from the phased planting plan were reviewed. It was voted to order 12 of the trees to be planted half in Spring and half in fall on North Main Street. We will also order 1 tree to plant in front of M&T Bank. The full list will be given to Colin to check availability and place the order. Connie Murray moved and Joyce Zien second to spend up to \$4000 for this purchase. Funds will come from the Val Gallivan fund at HFPG.

A bid for the next Emerald Ash Borer treatment for trees on Main Street was received from Bill's Landscaping, their arborist advised that treatment may not be helpful to some of the trees. We are awaiting bids/reports from two other companies.

The pruning of our elm trees has been contracted to Bartlett Tree Experts and should start soon. Pruning of the other trees planted in the last 15-20 years are scheduled to be pruned by Bill's Landscaping starting January 31.

Upcoming events in 2023 will include a tree walk, writing workshops, hike with Parks & Rec, presence at Farmers Market and other Town events plus another photography contest due to feedback from the gallery show.

Fundraising is continuing for TREES FOR SUFFIELD INITIATIVE. Banks will be contacted for donations including Webster, East Windsor Federal (Kacy) and People'sBank (Sue).

The Photo contest was a great success. There were 89 photos submitted from 57 entrants aged 3 to 95. 30 photos were framed and are on display at the Library through January. A slide show of all photos was created will be used in many other settings this coming year.

There was no input from the Community.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07. Submitted by Judith Hanmer, acting secretary