

Helena Bailey Spencer/ Val Gallivan Tree Committee
March 16, 2023
Town Hall Conference Room

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by chair, Sue Mayne.

With no changes suggested, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Judy, seconded by Connie. Passed unanimously.

Kacy went over the Treasurer's report. She has been unable to locate the 2007 legislation around trusts and has reached out to State Rep, Tami Zawistowski. Treasurer's report was continued to the next meeting.

There was discussion about Arbor Day which is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023. Sue will contact the volunteer group from Windsor and Todd will contact Justin Kaput from SHS about help. The 4th grade class at McAlister plans to include the tree planting at M&T Bank in their Arbor Day program this year. A motion to spend up to \$700 for planting the trees was made by Connie, seconded by Todd, and passed unanimously.

Four of 8 homeowners contacted about watering new trees planted on their property have responded. Ginny will determine a way to connect with the other four homeowners prior to planting.

Discussion was held about fundraising for Arbor Day. Realtors and landscapers were mentioned as potential sponsors. Sue will distribute a list of contacts.

Discussion was held about treatment for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). A motion to spend up to \$1100 for treatment was made by Connie and seconded by Anita. Passed unanimously.

The pruning recently completed was extensive and the work was very satisfactory. Bartlett Tree pruned all elm trees, Bill's Landscaping pruned approx. 40 young trees (5-20yrs old). Young trees on Mountain Rd. missed being included in the work. A motion to spend up to \$1000 for additional pruning was made by Connie and seconded by Judy. Passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding miscellaneous expenses that incur between meetings. A motion that the Committee chair be able to authorize up to \$250 for necessary expenditures without Committee approval, was made by Michelle and seconded by Connie. Passed unanimously.

It was reported that the creative writing workshops have been very well received and there will be an article in the *Observer*.

Plans are in the works for the next photo contest. Entry categories will be the 4 seasons. The Phelps-Hatheway Visitor Center has been reserved for a show beginning April/May 2024.

Discussion ensued about a pie contest to be held in the fall of 2023. Kacy, Joyce, Connie and Anita volunteered to be on the committee. Venue to be determined.

An educational display in the large window of Kent Memorial Library has been planned for the month of April. Sue and Kathleen Horrigan from the Garden Club have agreed to manage the project. Other suggestions for Trees for Suffield exposure: a tree quilt or a tree barn quilt painting event.

Judy agreed to plan and coordinate monthly articles for *The Suffield Observer*.

The joint Land Conservancy tree ID walk was well received with about 28 persons in attendance.

Discussion ensued about how to best utilize leftover Arbor Day sapling trees. It was agreed to have them available at the May Market booth.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 3 p.m.

At 5:06 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Connie and seconded by Anita. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Bromage, Secretary