

Helena Bailey Spencer/ Val Gallivan Tree Committee  
May 18, 2023  
Town Hall Conference Room

Present : Sue Mayne, Todd Mervosh, Ginny Bromage, Connie Murray, Anita Wardell, Kacy Colston, Marie Gauthier, and Colin Moll.

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by chair, Sue Mayne. All but one member has been sworn in by the Town Clerk for the new term.

The secretary's report had been emailed prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Anita, seconded by Connie. Passed unanimously.

Kacy went over the Treasurer's report and clarified spendable balances for both the Helena Bailey Spencer and Val Gallivan funds. Those figures were amended from the written report sent to the Committee and Connie made a motion to accept the amended Treasurer's report, Anita seconded. Passed unanimously. It was discussed that there is not a requirement for keeping an inflation adjusted principal in the HBS as previously thought, and we agreed to continue reserving the original trust amount of \$20,000 as we have been.

Four trees purchased for Arbor Day had corporate sponsors @\$250 each: M&T Bank, Dowd Realty Group, Sotil Tree Service and Sikes Tree Service. Café Barista and Bill's Landscaping were also listed as sponsors for the other trees due to in kind donations. 10-12 saplings were given away after Arbor Day at the Community clean-up party. Homeowners who had a tree planted in front of their property on Arbor Day have been emailed watering instructions.

Set up for May Market has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 19. Colin volunteered for the remaining shift at the booth on Saturday. Extra Arbor Day trees will be sold and saplings donated by Bartlett Tree will be given away (with a requested donation).

Ideas were discussed regarding other events including an Owl Prowl on October 28, Yoga in the woods or a forest bathing program, a family (genealogy) tree workshop (in conjunction the DAR). Pie contest planning to start after May Market. Kacy had preliminary discussions with the Health Department. Colin noted the Town does not pay a fee for applications to No. Central.

It was suggested that a Redwood be planted on the town green in honor of Thomas Redwood Deupree in recognition of the generous donation from the Deupree Foundation. Ideas for where and what to plant for Nikki Deupree is ongoing.

Judy Hanmer and Sue have created a schedule for monthly articles for the Suffield Observer and are looking for volunteer writers.

Kacy has volunteered to share the Everything Suffield booth with Judy at this year's Farmers' Market.

Connie reported on the 4-seasons photo contest scheduled for May 2024. An article was placed in the Suffield Observer detailing the contest and it was suggested that some of the photos could be displayed in Suffield businesses in addition to the Hatheway House Visitor's Center.

Sue gave an update on the Emerald Ash Borer treatment by Bartlett's as well as pruning by Bill's Landscaping.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room. We will need a special meeting some time before then to discuss fall planting and dollar allocation. Meetings are allowed to be held on Zoom.

At 4:15 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Anita and seconded by Connie. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Bromage, Secretary

