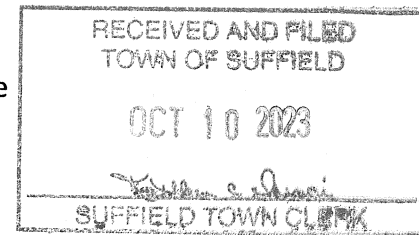


Helena Bailey Spencer & Valyn Gallivan Tree Fund Committee
September 21, 2023
Suffield Town Hall Meeting Room



Present : Sue Mayne, Ginny Bromage, Anita Wardell, Kacy Colston, Judy Hanmer, Joyce Zien, Todd Mervosh

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by chair, Sue Mayne.

Motion made by Anita, seconded by Kacy, to accept minutes of the June 29, 2023 special meeting. Passed unanimously.

Kacy went over the 9-21-23 Treasurer's Report in detail and a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ginny and seconded by Judy.

Sue gave a summary of recent markets/fairs in which the Tree Committee participated. Collected almost \$500 cash donations from these efforts.

May Market – Think about selling a few trees again at the Tree Committee booth for 2024.

Farmers Market – Received a few dollars in cash donations as well as a check for \$500 from David & Kathy Berube. Thank you Kacy for including Trees for Suffield in your booth

Suffield on the Green – With the expense of the poster that was raffled off, we came out ahead but donations were down from 2022.

Update on tree conditions: The Suffield Firemen watered the newly-planted trees all summer. One fireman was an arborist and checked soil conditions before watering.

Trees for Free: total of 15 recipients; asked Committee members to team up to assist/teach homeowners about planting/care.

10-Year Plan Fall tree planting: Trees have been ordered, trees and planting estimates fall within already approved budget. Funds have been requested from HFPG.

Fall Pruning – Motion made by Kacy to cancel previous \$900 allocation for additional pruning, seconded by Anita. Anita made a motion to allocate \$3000 from the Helena Bailey Spencer Fund for Bartlett Tree to prune, seconded by Todd. Sue will review trees with Bartlett to spend the budget in the most needed places.

Report of recent/ongoing programs:

Tree of Life Painting Party - \$20 profit and great PR for Trees for Suffield

Full Moon Hike - in coordination with P&R, takes place 10/28;

Photo Contest – article submitted for October *Observer*; Connie and Joyce will work on a future article.

Tree Wardens Assoc. of CT dedication and planting of Thanksgiving Tree to be scheduled either Oct. 27 or Nov. 3, pending TWAC confirmation.

Winter Farmers Market - We'll do instead of Suffield Alight - have tree posters, tree ornaments.

Arbor Day is Friday, April 26, 2024. Plan to work with Suffield Academy.

Pie Committee: Kacy to set up a meeting.

DAR family tree: Judy will research ideas and work with Sue.

Grant applications: New requests to banks, Kacy will do EW Federal, Sue will do Peoples and M&T in January.

Ginny to set up fall 2023 and 2024 meeting schedule with Selectman's and Town Clerk's offices.

The next meeting will be a special meeting, held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, 3 p.m. Town Hall meeting room.

4:34 p.m. motion to adjourn made by Ginny, seconded by Todd. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Bromage, Secretary