

## Helena Bailey Spencer Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

The Suffield Tree committee Meeting was held at the Suffield Town Hall. Present were Sue Mayne, Kacy Colston, Marie Gauthier, Judith Hanmer, Connie Murray, Joyce Zien, Anita Wardell and Todd Mervosh.

Chairman Sue Mayne called the meeting to order at 3:05

Treasurer Kacy Colston distributed her report and it was accepted as presented.

Minutes from the January 18 and February 15 meetings were presented and approved.

The 2024 tree planting plans are coming together. Letters will be sent to residents on South Main Street requesting help in the care of any new tree planted. Stakes will be placed where trees will go. DOT has been notified for approval. Sue is working with several nurseries for the purchase of appropriate types and sizes. Bill's Landscaping has provided an estimate of planting at 3 days/\$950 per day. The committee unanimously voted to request \$4,000 from the Val Gallivan Fund and spend up to \$12,000 for this project.

Activities for Earth Day and Arbor Day were discussed.

On Arbor Day, Friday April 26, Bartlett Tree Experts will present a Professional program for those in the tree care business from 11am to noon in front of the Suffield Town Hall, with lunch to follow. The care and protection of tree roots, mulch and compaction will be addressed and demonstrated on the oak tree that was not done last year.

On Saturday April 27, the results of Friday's demonstration will be visible in front of the Town Hall where residents participating in the Sustainable Suffield Task Force's 2024 Clean up that Day will pick up their supplies. The Tree Committee & Bartlett will hold a second demonstration from 11:00-noon for the general public. We will also have sapling trees to give away.

The Photo Contest opening reception will be held on May 3 at the Phelps Hatheway Visitors Center. It will be open to the public all summer during the open hours of the Center. Details of presenting the show were discussed. Joyce Zien and her committee will make all necessary arrangements. The amount of no more than \$250 was voted for the Photo Contest presentation.

On May 4 the Visitors Center opens for the summer. The naming of the Sycamore tree at Hatheway as the "Burbank Sycamore" will be held from 11:00-noon.

Todd Mervosh reported on the gathering in Bloomfield of other groups working on tree projects in their towns (Trees for Bloomfield, Trees for Suffield, Trees for Windsor Locks and Trees for Goshen).

The application for Suffield on the Green and the \$65 entry fee was voted and approved.

There was no input from the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08.

Judith Hanmer, Secretary