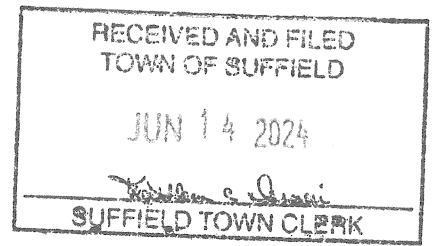


Helena Bailey Spencer/ Val Gallivan Tree Committee
May 23, 2024



The meeting was held at the SVAA and called to order at 3:15. Attending were Sue Mayne, Kacy Colston, Judith Hanmer, Anita Wardell and Connie Murray.

The Secretary's report was accepted unanimously.

Kacy presented the Treasurer's report and noted that the funds from The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will only be updated on a quarterly basis. The report was accepted unanimously.

New business:

Farmers Market attendance was discussed. Decision to attend will depend on availability of a committee member and weather.

Suffield on the Green theme will be decided at a later date

Nothing definite on fall and winter planning.

2024 spring planting on South Main Street will start soon.

Decision on 2025 planting will start in the fall.

Fundraising ideas discussed.

Kacy Colston will request a grant of \$3,500 from the J. Gladwin Cannon Trust to support tree planting education as part of our 2025 Arbor Day observance. Funds would cover the services of an arborist to help develop a one-hour tree planting workshop, create an easy-to-use tree-planting reference card and facilitate five workshops for school and community youth groups. The grant would also cover the cost of 5 new trees and the material needed to plant them on public lands and near town roads.

Old business:

Arbor Day AirSpade Demo a great success.

Burbank tree naming at Phelps Hatheway was celebrated.

May Market donations were appreciated with a gift of a sapling.

Photo Show reception was well attended.

There was no input from the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Judith Hanmer, Secretary