

Helena Bailey Spencer/ Val Gallivan Tree Committee
June 20, 2024

The meeting was held at the SVAA and called to order at 3:05 pm.

Present were: Sue Mayne, Kacy Colston, Anita Wardell, Connie Murray and Judith Hanmer.

The Secretary report was approved as submitted.

Treasurer Colston presented the Treasurer's report which was approved as presented.

Discussion was held regarding fewer trees being available for planting this Spring and Fall than had been planned and the use of the balance of those approved funds. There was a request for a tree replacement on Phelps Rd. and the committee approved diverting funds for one of the planned So. Main trees to Phelps Rd. Potential root collar excavation work was approved to ameliorate problems with recently planted trees, and the purchase of tree tags for all new trees was approved.

Discussion was held on how to support the planting of trees that don't fit the rules of the funds we use such as replacing/planting trees in Town parks. It was decided that we could use funds raised from other sources (such as grants) for this purpose. It was noted that the DPW budget this year has a new line item for landscaping which would also suit this purpose. The committee approved pursuing new tree planting(s) at Sunrise Park pending coordination with the Parks & Rec department regarding placement.

Kacy reported on the Freedom on Information Program which she attended. She will forward a copy of the presentation to each committee member for their use.

Kacy also suggested a possible fundraiser for Trees for Suffield and distributed packets and information for members to try. The company managing this venture is called Global Roots. There will be more discussion on this possible project.

The value of having a formal annual maintenance plan for the upkeep of young trees was discussed. The cost of a plan will be researched.

A budget of up to \$250 was approved for our booth at Suffield on the Green which will feature 3 shrubs for a silent auction. Details to be formalized.

There was no input from the community. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40

Judith Hanmer, Secretary