

The Helena Bailey Spencer & Val Gallivan Tree Fund Committee held a special meeting by Zoom on September 12, 2024 at 2:30 pm.

Present were Susan Mayne, Chairman, Kacy Colston, Treasurer, Anita Wardell, Joyce Zien, Connie Murray, Todd Mervosh and Judith Hanmer, Secretary.

The North Main Street crosswalk construction tree preservation estimate from Bartlett Tree Experts was reviewed. The estimate of \$8435 was discussed. The committee felt that \$1700 for soil care and fertilization, \$1480 for root pruning and \$1800 for Construction monitoring was appropriate. The Town of Suffield has \$1000 to contribute toward the total of \$4980 leaving a balance of \$3980. Anita Wardell moved that we appropriate \$4000 toward this part of the estimate. It was seconded by Connie Murray and passed unanimously. Mulching and pest control was not included, but noted, and will be monitored.

The estimate for tree root excavation for 6 recently planted trees was presented by Bartlett Tree Experts. The cost of \$555 was unanimously approved.

Fall tree planting should include a few trees and a few will wait until Spring because the appropriate trees are unavailable this time of year. Sue and Kacy will confirm that the remainder of the funds previously approved will cover the costs.

The \$3500.00 grant requested by Kacy Colston to the J Gladwin Cannon Trust was approved by the Trust. We will go ahead with the proposed plans to raise awareness of the benefits of trees and the correct planting with workshops including school and community youth groups. Kacy will lead this opportunity, to be held around Arbor Day.

Discussion of a Tour of Notable Trees and the naming of them was held. The Garden Club meeting on November 4 at 6:30 at the Library was noted. Frank Kaputa will speak on the Notable Tree Project. A contact with Mr. Kaputa will be made.

Possible tree tagging on Main Street trees might be a future project.

The Photo Show at the Hatheway Visitors Center will close on October 13. The sale of photos from 1-4 has been advertised. Joyce Zien will be in charge.

The committee was asked to come up with thoughts on future events.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25.

The next scheduled meeting is November 21 at 3:00pm at SVAA.

Judith Hanmer, Secretary