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Town Tree Committee Minutes
Thursday, November 21, 2024
Suffield Ambulance Association Building

In attendance: Sue Mayne, Connie Murray, Todd Mervosh, Kacy Colston and Anita Wardell

Sue called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Connie made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Kacy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kacy presented the Treasurer's report. Todd made a motion to accept the report as presented. Connie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Spring Tree Planting – The Committee will complete the tree plantings left from spring 2024 in the spring of 2025. There are 7-10 trees remaining to be planted. Budget for these trees was approved last year but may need to be revisited when we place the order.

Tree Watering - Unfortunately, watering was not done in September and October due to our arborist/firefighter taking a new job, but the fire department did provide a thorough watering at the new crosswalk area last week. There will be no further watering until Spring.

We may need to budget extra for tree watering or to purchase "tree diapers" for new tree plantings next year. We will also try reaching out to homeowners for help with watering again. This will be revisited in January.

Crosswalk tree preservation did not go as planned. Despite our efforts, there were cement trucks and other equipment driving on the lawn areas and tree root zones.

There was discussion of Arbor Day 2025 plans. We'll need educational materials and someone to lead demonstrations and do tree plantings. Todd agreed to work with Kacy to plan events. Anita will check with the library on showing a tree planting how-to video in their lobby. Kacy will re-forward the budget submitted for the grant we received. Possibility of planning something for each week in April rather than one bigger event was discussed. We want to work with Sustainable Suffield on their "nip-day" collection (held Arbor Day weekend for the last several years) rather than compete. Sue will reach out to coordinate.

Goals for 2025 are to focus on 1 event in the spring (tree planting) and fall (community event). perhaps tree identification, notable trees at Sunrise Park and work with Parks and Rec.

Kacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00. Todd seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Wardell (for Judy Hanmer)

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