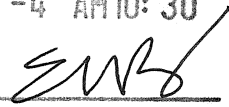


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### The Helena Bailey Spencer Tree Committee Minutes

The Tree Fund Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on February 20, by Zoom, at 3pm. Present were Sue Mayne, Chairman, Colin Moll, First Selectman, Kacy Colston, Treasurer, Anita Wardell, Todd Mervosh, our new member Danna Gauntner and Judith Hanmer, Secretary.

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 3.

The Secretary report was approved unanimously.

The Treasures report was approved unanimously.

Danna Gauntner was welcomed to the Committee.

Plans for Arbor Day were discussed. Using funds from the J. Gladwin Cannon Trust grant, the Committee will plant 5 trees in Town and provide educational programming & materials about the correct planting, care and watering to ensure the best outcome.

On April 9 from 5-7:00 pm Parks and Rec will co-sponsor a program at Sunrise Park to celebrate Arbor Day. Matt from Bill's Landscaping will be demonstrating the correct procedures of planting trees. Parks & Rec will provide materials for a scratchboard craft, we will provide pizza, and the first 30-50 households to register will receive a sapling tree to plant at home donated by Bartlett Tree.

The Committee will plant 2 trees at the Spaulding School and 2 trees at the McAlister School on a date near Arbor Day that will be arranged with each school.

These Arbor Day projects will include use of an innovative watering system. This advanced hydration system is called a Tree Diaper and has been used in other CT Towns. The Tree Committee will monitor the system for ease of use and its ability to do the job, possibly recommending it to the public.

Members of the Committee are encouraged to volunteer at these events.

Sue is working with Barbara Yaeger on this year's tree order for the 10 yr planting plan and will begin planning for 2026 this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36.

Judith Hanmer, Secretary