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Helena Bailey Spencer Tree Fund
March 20, 2025
3:00 pm Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Sue Mayne, Danna Gauntner, Joyce Zien, Anita Wardell and Todd Mervosh.

Sue called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

A motion was made to approve the Secretary Report by Anita, seconded by Joyce and approved by all.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Joyce, seconded by Anita and approved by all.

EAB treatments: Treatment for three trees (one on South Main, one on the Green, one on North Main) cost \$1,153. Kacy made a motion to treat the three trees, seconded by Anita and approved by all.

Tree Diaper Budget: The committee will hold off ordering the "diapers" until needed for April and May for this year's trees. We need to measure last year's trees and trees at the schools in the fall for additional diapers.

April 9 Arbor Day event at Sunrise Park with Parks and Rec. Committee should arrive at 4:30. 40 have signed up. April 7 is the cut off for attending. People attending will bag their own trees with bags and info supplied.

April 24 Arbor Day plantings at Spaulding and McAlister Schools: Bill's Landscaping notes that site needs soil work, perhaps to be addressed during April school break. Hope to plant four trees at each school if there is extra money due to Bill's donating their services. We have \$3,000 for this project.

10 Year Tree Planting Plan: Kacy made a motion to spend up to \$5,000 to purchase and plant new trees. Motion was seconded by Anita and approved by all.

CT Horticulture Society Grant: A \$500 grant is available if submitted by April 4. Danna will write for the grant. May use funds in the fall for "Forest Bathing" perhaps working with Parks and Rec at Sunrise Park. If we don't apply this year, we can plan for next year.

Trees for Windsor Locks joint event: Tree ID Walk at Sunrise Park with John Kehoe. No cost to us, we will publicize and help out. Perhaps have a tree naming event at that time. Suggested date: June 21.

May Market: Kacy will work up a schedule possibly including Colin and Amy Reay as volunteers. Joyce & Anita will not be available.

All members present said they wish to be reappointed to the Tree Committee, Judy Hanmer will resign as Secretary but remain on the Committee. All will need to get sworn in at Town Hall.

Motion was made by Anita to adjourn, seconded by Joyce and approved by all at 3:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Wardell, acting for Judith Hamner, Recording Secretary