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The Helena Bailey Spencer Tree Fund Committee

The Helena Spencer Tree Committee held a Special Meeting on February 27, 2026 at 4:00 pm via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

Present were Chairman Sue Mayne, Joyce Zien, Connie Murray, Danna Gaunter, Todd Mervosh and First Selectman, Colin Moll.

Discussion of details for Arbor Day planting included estimates for pricing of labor and trees for McAlister School that exceed the amount left from the J. Gladwin Cannon trust grant. Colin was able to get additional funding allocated from the DPW landscaping budget. Sue will contact Bill to see if he will donate the planting.

Danna presented details for the 250th tree event, including updates on: music (several options were researched but none came together), Joyce offered to contact the SHS band director. A proclamation will be read by Colin, attendance by Tami Z. was confirmed, publicity is in the works (Judy to do an article for the Observer, Danna on Social Media, Sue to do a poster). Danna and Judy are working with Bill Sullivan's history class and the DAR to put together a short informative program possibly including period costume. The stone for the plaque has been picked up and is being prepared at Roger's Memorial. Bartlett Tree is donating 25 Scarlet Oak saplings for the event. Todd will reach out to new volunteer Ariel to see if she will be available to take photos. Sue will contact the Green Machine to see if they are willing to donate the "liberty" oak.

Discussion of details for Spring tree planting. Outback Landscaping was contacted to quote the job due to difficulty getting a quote from Bill's Landscaping. Colin also suggested other contractors we could look to. 18 trees have been ordered for planting in April.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45.

*Next meeting: March 19, 2026, 3:00 pm via Zoom*

Minutes by Sue Mayne, for Judy Hanmer