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The Helena Bailey Spencer Tree Fund Committee meeting was held on April 15, 2026 at 3pm at the Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association

Present were Chair, Sue Mayne, Anita Wardell, Joyce Zien, Danna Gauntner, Todd Mervosh, Rose MacNeely, Angeline Driggers, Treasurer Kacy Colston and Secretary Judith Hanmer.

The meeting was called to order at 3pm. The Secretary's report was accepted as sent. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Sue Mayne will continue as Chair of the Committee. Judith Hanmer will continue as Secretary.

A sign up sheet for May Market was passed and completed.

A sign up sheet for the Liberty Tree was completed. Sustainable Suffield will have our sign at the pick up point on Clean up day and will move it to the volunteer lunch at the senior center.

Volunteer vests will be investigated for Tree members.

The 250th Liberty Tree was planted by Outback Landscapers. Outback Landscaping has also planted the trees on Main Street and their work has been excellent. Roger's Memorial has installed our monument at the tree. Kacy will pay the balance of that bill.

Bill's Landscaping will plant the trees at McAlister School. The school program will be on April 30th from 2:30-3:00. It will be smaller this year with only the class representatives attending.

The motion to spend \$717.69 for Tree diapers was seconded and approved. Invoice from Barbara Yaeger for the sourcing of 13 trees was approved.

The Garden Club approved our grant request from the Trees for Suffield Fund. Kacy is following up on tracking the deposit from Greater Hartford Gives in MUNIS.

Picnic in the Park arrangements with Parks and Recreation on June 6 is underway. Tree naming will be at 1:30. Sue and Joyce will arrange for the craft(s). Hood did not respond to our request for Hoodsie cups. Danna got pricing on variety packs from Costco and will provide a cooler, cost can be covered by petty cash.

Forest Bathing has been scheduled for October 30th with Parks and Recreation and the Suffield Land Conservancy. There will be a maximum of 12 participants. A charge of \$20 per person will cover our expenses.

There was no input from the Community.

The next meeting will be a special meeting on May 21 at 3:00pm by Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Judith Hanmer, Secretary