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By Erica Boucher at 11:17 am, Aug 24, 2026

Helena Bailey Spencer Tree Fund Committee
August 20, 2026 3:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Angeline Driggers, Danna Gauntner,
Rose MacNeely, Sue Mayne, Todd Mervosh and Lisa Parker.

Sue called the meeting together at 3:10 pm

Meeting minutes from the 5/21/26 meeting were approved. Approval of the minutes from the August Special meeting will have to wait until the next meeting however, it was noted that Lisa Parker's name needs to be removed from those minutes as she was not in attendance.

There was no Treasurer's report

Danna offered to write up the summary of the committee's year for the Town's Annual Report that was requested by Mandi Moore.

The committee was asked by DPW to review Halladay West, Blossom, and Russell Ave. for new plantings. Several members reviewed those streets and felt Mapleton and North St were better choices. It was agreed to go forward with planning for 6 trees on North Street, 5-10 trees on Mapleton Ave, and 1-3 trees on Main Street in Spring of 2027. We are waiting to hear approval from DOT on the North Street locations, CBYD cleared the area. We'll move forward with requesting approvals for Mapleton Ave. next.

Suffield on the Green signups were solicited. Our booth will have Trees for Suffield t-shirts for sale, nature stickers and tattoos, and a poster/flyers for the Forest Bathing event.

The committee reviewed winter pruning proposals from Bartlett Tree and it was decided to get a pruning quote from SavATree as well. We'll also get root collar excavation quotes from both vendors. Sue we have Bartlett hold off on the root excavation previously approved for the paperbark maple.

Sue, Angeline & Danna will continue trying to work out technical problems with Angeline having access to post on our instagram account.

Danna reviewed details for the Forest Bathing event in October. Everything is in the works and no other details or help is needed at this time.

Sue mentioned she went to the customer appreciation day at Prides Corner Farm and it was excellent - would recommend others go next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Submitted by Sue Mayne, chair

Next meeting: September 17, 2026. 3:00 pm at the Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association.