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The Helena Bailey Spencer Tree Fund Committee Minutes

The Helena Bailey Tree Fund Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on September 17, 2026, at the Suffield Ambulance Building at 205 Bridge Street.

Chairman Sue Mayne called the meeting to order at 3:10.

Attending were Kacy Colston Treasurer, Danna Gauntner, Todd Mervosh, Rose MacNeely, Angeline Driggers, and Judith Hanmer.

The 8/20/27 Secretary's report was accepted as sent. The 8/3/27 Special meeting report was approved with one correction, to remove Lisa Parker from the attendance list.

Kacy gave the Treasurer's report. The final figures of our recent activities will be updated as soon as the Municipal accounts are up to date. Kacy was thanked for her explanation.

Suffield on the Green was a success. Tee shirts were sold, donations accepted and enthusiasm for our work was created. It was voted to order more Tee shirts as most were sold and there was interest from supporters to buy one. Brochures were all given out. A bid of \$11,360 from Bartlett Tree Experts has been submitted for winter pruning. A bid from Save A Tree will be submitted soon.

DOT approved the planting permit for 6-8 trees on North Street for next Spring. Sue and Anita marked 13 of approx. 24 tree locations on Mapleton Ave. Sue will ask Barbara Yeager to recommend and find any specialty sugar maples needed for the planting on Mapleton. There was discussion as to how many to order and how to notify residents. An article will be in the October *Observer* and Kacy will create a post card to mail to homeowners.

Discussion was held about whether our committee might be able to become a Task Force instead. The committee felt the current set up was best.

2027 plans were discussed. Suffield Garden Club's May Market and the House and Tree Walk in June with the Suffield Historical Society are on our schedule plus we will be back to Suffield on the Green next September. It was voted to spend up to \$300 for John Kehoe to lead the tree tour. Kacy will secure our spot at SOTG.

Coming up this October 30th is the Forest Bathing event held with The Suffield Land Conservancy and Suffield Parks and Recreation. Danna is handling the details.

Our next meeting is October 15 at the Suffield Ambulance Building at 3pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Judith Hanmer