

ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes 3/13/2024

**In attendance:** Augie Pampel, Robbie Marshall, Gillian Carson, Susan Malan, Matt Winkler and Ken Bombaci.

Augie Pampel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes approved for 3/13/24

**Treasurer's Financial Report**

A. Pampel submitted a treasures report that shows \$14,297.97in the Sinking Fund and zero dollars in the General Fund.

**Discussion:**

None

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old business:**

A. Pampel handed out the list of possible plantings based on removals that happened over the winter. He said this was a start only and reminded the committee that we need permission from abutting property owners to plant on any site, even though we are planting on municipal property.

**Possible Planting Sites for 2024**

1. #12 Comstock Avenue...two large trees were removed and stumps ground - Red Oak .
2. Corner of Little Point Street and North Main Street...tree removed at corner.
3. # 86 Denison Road tree removed on both sides of driveway and stumps ground.
4. # 29 West Avenue two trees removed directly across from town hall.
5. North Main Street in front of condos...two pear trees removed.
6. #12 Kings Lane large Maple removed and stump ground.
7. EES One Red Maple in area of playground for Arbor Day.

A. Pampel has gotten permission for item numbers 1, 2, 6 and 7 and is working on numbers 4 and 5.

G. Carson spoke to owner at #86 Denison Road and they said yes to a Red Oak on the left of driveway as you enter off Denison Road.

A. Pampel talked about the recent donation of \$800 received from the Essex Garden Club.

A. Pampel talked about the Arbor Day Event at EES that we share with the Essex Land Trust. Another Red Sunset Maple will be planted near the playground area. We talk to the children about the value of trees and the proper way to plant them.

G. Carson conducted some research with regard to grant monies available. We are late this year, but we will look again next year. She talked about some unique tree projects that are funded with grant money, but would probably fall under the Park and Rec responsibility. Our charge only concerns street trees.

G. Carson will open an Instagram account for the Essex Tree Committee, more to follow. Terrific!

R. Marshall will write another article in the fall for Essex Events.

M Winkler talked about "spot" parks he observed in Europe. If that concept was attempted here, it would fall under Park & Rec.

Last item brought to the table needs more discussion. It will be on the agenda for our September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.  
Respectfully submitted,

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