

Essex Tree Committee Meeting Minutes November 25 2025

Approved January 27, 2026

In Attendance: Nick Meyer, Steve Rivard, Leslie Goldring, Rich Boyers, Max Seton, Andrea Shortsleeve.

Minutes: September minutes Accepted and approved.

Memorial Tree Planting: Princeton Elm was planted by Nick, Warren and Steve on November 8 @ Essex High School outside of the library, in memory of Karen Tokat. Next summer watering discussed and TBD. Margaret Skinner will publish an article in the Branch Out Burlington Newsletter.

State of the Trees: From the summer 2025 drought, TBD next spring/summer.

Potential New Tree Plantings: Continue planting along roadside at Hiawatha school, (part of annual Arbor Day Celebration) **Cascadnac Avenue and Wenonah Avenue**. Outreach was discussed as part of this endeavor. The committee will ask Ashley at the city office to order business cards to include QR code.

Committee & sub-Committee creation:

Public Awareness, Rich to spearhead these efforts, to include Education, Outreach, Engagement. A Sub Committee could look at a Greatest Tree Contest and Tree Walks at Maple Street Park, while keeping expectations manageable.

Planning and Zoning Nick will continue to lead on these topics. Example Nick reports that Chris from the city offices has stepped up oversight and sent letters to developers holding them accountable for planting as per the specs.

Volunteers and additional members: It was suggested that we should put out a request on Front Porch Forum. Also, it was suggested to have Warren contact last year's winner (whom he is familiar with) of the awesome tree contest to solicit joining. The committee reluctantly accepted the resignation

of Andrea Shortsleeve. MS Shortsleeve has been a valued member of the Essex Tree Committee.

Other Business: ADL School has won a \$ 2,000.00 tree planting grant through The Community Service and Connections program and will be seeking help from ETC. Nick to meet with this group on Dec 3.

Adjourn 5:40 pm

There will be no December meeting.