

**City of Essex Junction
Tree Advisory Committee
DRAFT Minutes of Meeting
April 28, 2026**

Members Present: Nick Meyer, Warren Spinner, Max Seaton, Rich Boyers

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 by Nick.

2. Additions to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda

3. Public to Be Heard

No additional members of the community were present.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve March meeting minutes was made by Warren, second by Max.

5. 2026 Tree Planting

Nick and Warren, with the support of Essex Junction Public Works, pulled 23 trees from the BOB Nursery at the UVM Hort Farm and prepared them for planting. They connected with Shane to plant the trees, and they marked the sites for planting locations and Dig Safe notification.

Nick shared that ash trees will be removed by the First Congregational Church and A. W. Rich Funeral Home due to Emerald Ash Borer challenges and planned sidewalk replacement. The sites will be replanted next year once the sidewalk work is completed.

6. Arbor Day

The Arbor Day celebration will take place on May 13th at Hiawatha, Maple Street Park, and ADL. ADL students, who received a \$2000 tree grant, will plant 2 trees at each location with the support of the Tree Committee. At Hiawatha, kindergartners will be included in the celebration and help plant the trees. One of the trees planted at Hiawatha is a tulip tree that came from BOB nursery.

7. BOB Nursery Planting May 2

The Tree Committee will plant trees to fill in their rows at the BOB Nursery on May 2nd. Some of the trees are left over from the Hort Farm tree sale. Kyle from Burlington, will lend the Tree Committee an additional 10 trees, which the committee will replace in next year's order.

8. Tree Walk June 6- Publicity

Steve Rivard has taken the lead on the tree walk at St. Michael's College and the committee will follow up with him regarding details and publicity.

9. PSAs for Spring

Nick sent out an announcement about the planting day at the BOB Nursery on Saturday, May 2nd. The committee discussed other PSAs that would be appropriate for this time of year.

10. Engaging residents for tree planting-alternatives

The committee discussed more efficient ways to engage residents about tree planting other than knocking on doors. Some possibilities included door hangers and sending out letters.

11. Other items

The Tree Committee conveyed its appreciation to the Rotary Club for its \$600 donation which will help pay for tree planting including trees, growbags and compost.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:35.