

Essex Tree Committee Meeting Minutes 11 14 22

In Attendance Nick Meyer, Warren Spinner, Rich Boyers, Steve Rivard, Max Seton Nicole Klett.

October Meeting Minutes approved.

Welcome new member Nicole Klett.

2023 Plantings: We will dig 34 existing trees from the Branch Out Burlington Tree Nursery in South Burlington and replant in the City of Essex Jct. We will then replant 26 new replacement trees such as Sycamore, Honey Locust, Northern Red Oak and American Elm that have been ordered from Commercial Nursery Growers.

8 Residents in the Hayden St, Wilkinson St, and Lavoie St neighborhoods have expressed interest in receiving a tree. The committee will continue to concentrate on open spaces and Gateway Roads (Pearl St) that lack trees in the city. Other examples are Brickyard Rd, Hiawatha School Entrance, Old Colchester Road.

Pocket Park: The scope has been defined and out for feedback, and is with the Design committee. (Conceptional) Rendition of the Pocket Park is on the city website. Budget \$250,000.00

Public Engagement: *Tree Walk* to include historic sites potential June 2023 example Railroad Ave area. Looking to Tim Jerman or other local Historian's to help lead this event. *Awesome Tree Contest* to take place in the fall of 2023. In discussion as to whether a public or school only event.

Other Business: Business Cards to aid in our outreach projects.

Develop a link on the City Website for a public application for a tree.

Confirmed that the mature Ash Tree on the ADL school site is indeed being treated for Emerald Ash Borer.

Committee Concerns about keeping existing open forested public spaces in the city, (Steven's Park).

More focus on enforcement of the City Land Development Code, such as involving the City Manager and Planning and Zoning for enforcement. Example, Pearl St Post Office complex and shopping center.

Agreed to treat the Public Works employees in appreciation for their work on maintenance and watering.

Develop web based Tree information to include education about volcano mulching, watering notifications. Educate the public about our relationship with Branch Out Burlington and the Tree Nursery.

Adjourn 6:30 pm. Next Meeting December 20th 5 pm