

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 AT 5:30 PM
LINCOLN HALL MEETING ROOM
AGENDA**

1. Minutes Review
2. Pruning Update
3. Management Plan
4. Parks and Recreation Collaboration
5. Farmers Market Booth
6. Planting 2016
7. New Business
8. Public Input

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MINUTES OF TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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PRESENT: Woody Martel, Warren Spinner, Nick Meyer, Rich Boyers, Mary Jo Engel.

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve April and May meeting minutes was made by Woody, second by Warren. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Pruning Update

Warren said that the pruning cost is around \$5000 for 24 trees. The majority of these trees are on Drury Drive.

Nick indicated that Rick Jones was contacted by a resident who wants to know who is going to take care of the cedar hedges at the Tree Farm. There is question who is responsible. This will have to be an ongoing discussion.

Warren raised the question whether remaining money could be used to cable a sugar maple tree on South Street. We need to determine the balance of the funds. Cabling will probably be about \$500 to \$600.

3. Management Plan

Nick requested that members of the committee review the June 16 draft of the management plan one more time before sending it to Pat. Elise Schadler from the Urban Forestry Program indicated that the Essex Junction Management Plan could be used as a model in the state.

4. Parks and Recreation Department Collaboration

Nick communicated with Brad Luck, who was enthusiastic about an opportunity to develop a project together related to a tree walk in Maple Street Park. It could serve as a resource for the schools. Warren suggested that the walk could be promoted as handicap accessible. Mary Jo suggested it could be called "A Walk in the Park." Nick will find out if Parks and Recreation have a map.

5. Farmers Market

The Tree Committee is planning on having a booth at the market on August 28th.

6. Planting 2016

Maple Street is another potential location for planting. A majority of sites are on private property. Mary Jo suggested we develop a three year plan. Nick suggested we focus on areas that will make more of an impact.

Mary Jo offered to get a spreadsheet together once she has a copy of the inventory.

Nick suggested we need to offer private property owners some maintenance advice beyond the first year. Warren suggested a spreadsheet on new tree plantings would be helpful. This could be used to identify these property owners and offer some training on tree pruning.

7. Adjournment

Warren made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m., second by Woody. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rich Boyers.