

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 7, 2016 AT 5:30 PM
LINCOLN HALL BASEMENT**

AGENDA

- Minutes Review
- Planting Prioritization
- Arbor Day Celebration Feedback
- Member Recruitment
- Public Input

**Village of Essex Junction
Tree Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting
June 7, 2016**

Members Present: Woody Martel, Warren Spinner, Nick Meyer, Rich Boyers

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Nick.

2. Meeting Minutes

None.

3. Identifying Priorities

Nick suggested that we begin to outline the committee's priorities for the upcoming year and consider how money should be allocated.

Nick indicated that some homeowners have requested the planting of trees on private property that would contribute to the streetscape. Warren expressed that, whenever possible, we should entertain these requests, as the people who reach out are more motivated to take care of trees.

Nick said that one priority should be to take care of trees that have already been planted on private property, and the committee should consider allocating money for both pruning and mulching. The process would be to:

1. Contact homeowner
2. Determine budget
3. Contact arborist

Warren said another priority should be to review the inventory and develop a pruning schedule. He suggested that we might consider dividing the Village into quadrants and coming up with a rotation schedule. Warren felt that we need to get a better handle on the inventory. Nick indicated that Darby is taking a mapping course that would be helpful in this regard. Nick also suggested that we plan a July or August drive through the Village to review the inventory.

Nick said that as we think about future tree plantings, we should continue to focus on a particular area for maximum impact as we have done on Main Street. South Street is one area to consider for plantings. Nick also raised the concern that there are no funds allocated for plantings in the Crescent Connector project.

4. Community Events

Nick asked for feedback on our Arbor Day event at Maple Street Park. He suggested that in the future we might consider combining it with a little league day where there might be more activity in the park.

Nick asked whether we would want to do another information session at the farmers market. He suggested August as a possibility.

5. Thank you to Woody

As Woody has moved out of the Village, he needed to step off the committee. Nick, Warren, and Rich thanked Woody for all of his hard work on the committee. Woody signed his letter of resignation.

6. Adjournment

Warren made a motion to adjourn at 6:34, Second by Rich. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Boyers