

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AT 5:30 PM  
LINCOLN HALL**

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes Review;
2. Arbor Day Event;
3. Budget Review;
4. Crescent Connector Master Plan Review;
5. Publicity for Tree Keeper Program;
6. Public Input.

*MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY THE ESSEX JUNCTION TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.  
CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE.*

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nick Meyer, Mary Jo Engel, Warren Spinner, and Rich Boyers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Rivard

**ADMIN PRESENT:** Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM by Nick.

**2. AGENDA ADDITIONS**

Warren noted that he had sent committee members information regarding a 1999 Village policy regarding using public funds for plantings on private property.

Nick asked that logo discussions be added to the agenda. All agreed.

**3. MINUTES REVIEW**

**MOTION BY RICH, SECOND BY MARY JO TO APPROVE THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.**

**4. ARBOR DAY EVENT**

Not discussed.

**5. LOGO DISCUSSION**

Nick noted that the Trustees have requested to speak to the committee regarding their request to have a logo. He plans to attend their March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to present the idea. Elise Schadler, from the Urban & Community Forestry Program, is doing research to determine if any other municipal tree committees in Vermont have a logo.

Nick said that a logo is important for committee branding, and Rich said that it fits in well with the committee's mission of education.

**6. BUDGET REVIEW**

Mary Jo noted that only one small purchase was made during the past month.

## **7. CRESCENT CONNECTOR MASTER PLAN REVIEW**

Darby brought up the plans for 4-36 Park Street on the computer screen, and the full engineering plans were passed around to committee members.

Nick noted that the 4-36 Park Street project had diagonal parking on both sides, with a sidewalk on one side of the road. He thinks that there will be just over one space per unit. This building will have both residential and commercial properties. He added that this project would need Planning Commission approval prior to the construction of each building.

Rich asked if this project was contingent on the Crescent Connector going in? Would it happen prior to the construction of this road?

Nick said that it would not happen before the Crescent Connector was built.

Warren asked if the Crescent Connector would include any new streetlights?

Nick said that there would be two new lights.

Warren asked if there would be only one way in and out of the 4-36 Park Street project?

Nick said that he was unsure.

Rich asked if all the buildings in the 4-36 Park Street project were four stories?

Nick said yes.

Nick told the committee that they could make suggestions regarding the streetscape on public land and the Village right of way on the Crescent Connector.

Steve noted that the 4-36 Park Street project appears to be close to the railroad right of way, and that plantings should probably be avoided in that area.

Nick said that it would be helpful to continue a line of trees to act as a buffer between the railroad and the buildings at 4-36 Park Street.

Mary Jo said that there appeared to be some private planting opportunities available with the Crescent Connector. The committee discussed potential stormwater issues associated with planting in this location.

## **8. PUBLICITY FOR TREE KEEPER PROGRAM**

This event will be held on Tuesday, April 5. Warren will send the even information to all committee members once finalized. Darby will assist with event publicity.

Warren also noted that the Vermont Tree Warden's Conference will be held in Montpelier on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He informed the committee that he will be testifying on changes to state laws regarding tree wardens.

Nick mentioned that it would be helpful for the Committee to organize an event for this fall. He suggested doing something similar to the Awesome Tree Contest in Burlington. The committee discussed potential advertising and costs associated with such an event.

Warren said that entrants could write about their favorite tree in the Village was, and why. Entries would be judged and prizes awarded. Nick suggested displaying photos of trees at the Brownell Library. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

## **9. PUBLIC INPUT**

Nick noted that he and Darby would be sending letters to homeowners regarding potential plantings within the coming weeks.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by RICH, SECOND by MARY JO to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville