

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018 AT 5:30 PM
LINCOLN HALL**

AGENDA

1. Minutes Review;
2. Tree Planting Summary
3. Maple Street Park Tree Walk;
4. Work Projects- mulching, weeding, tree training;
5. EAB Action Plan;
6. Budget;
7. 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
MAY 29, 2018**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Rivard

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Nick.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

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

4. TREE PLANTING 2018

The chart below shows information on the trees that were planted in 2018. Twenty-five (25) trees were planted. Darby will be doing a press release to share this information.

Year	Address	Species	Number	Public	Private	School District
2018	4 Park St	Maple(Armstrong)	2	*		
	Lincoln St(Holy Family)	Maple(Green Mountain)	2		*	
	Lincoln St(Holy Family)	Paperback Maple	1		*	
	Lincoln Place	Crab(Praire Fire)	1	*		
	Lincoln+Central	Maple(Freeman)	1	*		
	Lincoln+North	Crab(Donald)	3	*		
	Lincoln+North Railroad	Oak(Red)	2	*		
	Ave(greenspace)	Elm(Princeton)	2	*		
	Main+Pleasant	Maple(Celebration)	1	*		
	29 Central	Heritage Birch	1		*	
	34 Central	Crab(Adirondack)	1		*	
	34 Central	Maple(Radiance)	1		*	
	Central+Educational Dr	Oak(Swamp White)	2			*
	Educational Drive	Heritage Birch	4			*
	ADL School	Maple(Autumn Radianve)	1			*

5. MAPLE STREET TREE WALK

Nick and Mary Jo checked on all the trees at Maple Street Park that were included in the tree walk. All of the trees are still alive; however, some are in poor health. Nick plans to put the sign that fell back up.

6. WORK PROJECTS

Tim noted that some of the trees on the multi-use path are dead. Darby said that she would remind the contractor to re-plant them.

The committee plans to spend their next meeting in the field working on public trees in the Village Center. They plan to meet at the Brownell Library on July 19.

7. EAB ACTION PLAN

Warren said that the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program received a grant to complete Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) plans for communities. He noted that there are two schools of thought: one that recommends removing the trees before the arrival of EAB, and another that waits until the infestation begins. Warren stated that he supports the latter, but also suggests interplanting between ash trees. He said that currently EAB is about 40 minutes south from us but could spread to Essex Junction in a matter of years.

The committee noted that the Hayden street neighborhood is almost exclusively ash trees. Warren said that there were also a lot of ash trees in Stevens Park.

Mary Jo will look at the inventory and extract all ash trees to get a better sense of how many are in Essex Junction. The committee plans to prepare educational materials to help answer any questions that residents might have about EAB.

8. BUDGET REVIEW

Mary Jo showed the committee the most recent budgetary figures. The committee plans to use the remainder of their budget on pruning.

Tim noted that he would be checking back in with the Trustees regarding the Committee's questions on the landscaping fund. Mary Jo noted that EAB preparations could be a good use of these funds.

9. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by RICH, SECOND by MARY JO to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Darby Mayville