

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019 AT 5:30 PM
LINCOLN HALL**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes
3. Tree Planting 2019
4. Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan- First Steps
5. Arbor Day Application
6. Branch Out Burlington
7. Budget Review
8. Adjourn

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TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 16, 2019**

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Darby Mayville

1. Call to Order

Nick called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM.

2. Minutes Approval

MOTION BY WARREN, SECOND BY MARY JO TO ACCEPT DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR, MINUTES ACCEPTED.

3. 2019 Planting

The committee confirmed that the following streets would be planting priorities in 2019: Central Street, Brickyard Road, Maple Street, Old Colchester Road, and West Street. Later in the year, the Committee will be doing a walk around the Village to finalize locations.

Tim suggested that trees be used as a visual barrier to help to lower speeds at the Village boundaries.

4. Emerald Ash Borer

Nick noted that he and Warren met with the Trustees last week to review the EAB plan. The Trustees did not make a formal motion but appeared to be in favor. The money for removal also seems to be included in the FYE 19 budget. Darby will check in with administration to see what the next steps might be.

Warren noted that it is important for the committee to figure out whether or not the plan is approved, as they would like to get started on the work in the plan.

Warren noted that he does not think that the school district has done any research on ash trees on their property.

Warren said that the committee should get in touch with the board(s) or homeowners associations that cover the neighborhoods which have the most public ash trees. It would be helpful to attend one of these meetings to help to answer questions about ash tree removal.

Nick said that door hangers could be used to spread the word to homeowners who are not part of an association. Some general public outreach about the project should also be done.

5. Tree City USA

Warren and Darby will be meeting to complete this application. Warren noted that he found additional “Tree City USA” signs that can be put up around the Village.

6. Budget Update

Darby will be checking into one invoice that appears to have been paid several months late, as well as an invoice that appears to have been put in the incorrect line item. Darby will also be checking in to see if a separate line item for Emerald Ash Borer tree removals can be created.

Tim noted that he is concerned that he has not been given a reply regarding his questions about the landscaping fund. He will be contacting Unified Manager Evan Teich for more information.

8. Branch Out Burlington

Branch Out Burlington has offered the committee two rows at their nursery in South Burlington. Twenty trees can fit in each row. If saplings are planted in 2019, they should be ready to be transplanted by 2021. Darby will be checking with Evan to see if any type of permission will be required to move forward.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Warren, second by Mary Jo to adjourn meeting at 6:38 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darby Mayville