

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 AT 5:30 PM
LINCOLN HALL
AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Minutes
3. Tree Planting 2019
4. Arbor Day Conference
5. Arbor Day Celebration
6. Branch Out Burlington Meeting
7. Budget Review
8. Adjourn

*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
March 19, 2019**

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Darby Mayville, Community Relations Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Rivard

1. Call to Order

Nick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Minutes Approval

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

3. 2019 Planting

Darby said that there had been no affirmative responses to the planting letter sent out a few weeks ago. The committee discussed both North Street and Brickyard Road as potential public planting locations. Nick will also speak to Essex High School to see if they would be amenable to planting trees in the parking area on Old Colchester Road.

Nick noted that he would be following up with the Planning Commission to see when additional planting would occur at Railroad & Main restaurant.

4. Arbor Day Conference

As a Tree City, the Village receives two tickets to the Vermont Arbor Day Conference. Warren and Mary Jo will be using these tickets to attend. Warren noted that the Urban & Community Forestry Program has extra "Tree City USA" signs available.

5. Arbor Day Celebration

This year's Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Hiawatha School. Additional details will be available closer to the event.

6. Budget Update

Darby informed the committee that planting funds are now separated from removal funds. She will work with Public Works to divide this year's purchases into their new line items.

7. Branch Out Burlington

The committee discussed the Tree Keeper workshop that they are planning with Branch Out Burlington (BOB). This will be held on April 4th, from 6-8 PM. Darby will create a Facebook event and take care of event publicity.

There will be a nursery clean up and planting day at the BOB nursery on May 4th. More details will be provided closer to the event. The committee discussed inviting the Essex Reporter. This may also be a good time to formally issue a press release about the committee's partnership with BOB (growing trees in the BOB nursery). It is hoped that this event will attract new volunteers who may be interested in consistently being involved with the committee's work.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mary Jo, second by Nick to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darby Mayville