

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 AT 5:30 PM  
LINCOLN HALL**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan, Ash Tree Removal
3. Nursery Update
4. School Partnership
5. Emerald Ash Borer Grant Application
6. Minutes
7. Adjourn

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nick Meyer, Rich Boyers, Warren Spinner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Rivard

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Darby Mayville

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan, Ash Tree Removal**

Warren opened the public meeting at 5:58 PM. He stated that the purpose of this public meeting is to announce plans for the calendar year 2020 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) replacement planting plan. Warren said that EAB was first found in the United States in 2002, and can now be found in all six New England states. EAB has been found in nine locations in Vermont, the closest to Essex Junction being in South Hero. The Village Tree Warden and Tree Advisory Committee put together an EAB management plan to treat the trees in Essex Junction. The plan discussed the preemptive removal of ash trees in the right-of-way and subsequent replacement of them. There are roughly 180 ash trees in the Village right-of-way, which can be found on the following streets: Wilkinson Drive, Tyler Drive, Lavoie Drive, Hayden Street, Main Street, Park Street, and Maple Street. A plan is in place to remove four existing ash trees and replace them with four new trees. We would like to take this opportunity to announce this plan, and let residents of the Village know that live ash trees will be removed and replaced with more diverse species. For more information on this project, please visit [www.vtinvasives.org](http://www.vtinvasives.org) or <https://www.essexjunction.org/boards/tree-advisory-committee/>.

Warren closed the public meeting at 6:11 PM.

**3. Nursery Update**

Warren said that the committee needed have a discussion on tree planting at their next meeting. Some of the things that need to be considered include species, budget, and locations. Warren said that the state of Vermont may be interested in planting additional trees along their property on West Street. Approximately forty trees will be planted at the nursery that the Tree Advisory Committee shares with Branch Out Burlington this year.

#### **4. School Partnership**

Nick said that the committee may do an Arbor Day event at Summit Street School or Fleming. He also noted that the trees at Essex High School are doing well.

#### **5. Emerald Ash Borer Grant Application**

The state of Vermont, with funding from the US Department of Agriculture, is offering a grant to communities to assist with Emerald Ash Borer mitigation. Three communities will be awarded a total grant of \$45,000. The committee is planning on partnering with the Town of Essex to remove ash trees in the more rural areas and replant in Essex Junction. Nick said that he and the Essex Tree Warden Chuck Vile had been working on a tree inventory.

#### **7. Minutes Approval**

**MOTION BY WARREN, SECOND BY RICH TO ACCEPT OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES.  
ALL IN FAVOR, MINUTES ACCEPTED.**

#### **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Warren, second by Rich to adjourn meeting at 6:47 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darby Mayville