

Village of Essex Junction Tree Advisory Committee

Minutes

February Meeting 15, 2022

Members Present: Nick Meyer, Sheridan Johnson, Tim Kemerer, Steve Rivard, Rich Boyers

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Nick. January minutes discussed and motion approved.

LDC: No new language, It appears that the village will take our suggestions, however still in advisory form.

Pocket Park: Nothing new to report Hamlin Engineering has the plans.

Plantings: 22 Trees to be added this season. 10 in the Ash Tree Project area, Lavoie, Hayden Wilkinson Streets. 12+ - other trees to be offered to land owners. The committee needs to contact landowners potentially end of February. Large Potential for plantings along Maple St at The Police Station, ADL School and points east. Tim will follow up with ADL to discuss treating the ash trees but ETAC will not fund this. Other locations for potential plantings include Clem's Drive and Old Colchester Road. It was discussed that we may have to hire out planting this season.

Arbor Day: Discussed having a community planting day however this might be too much to manage. Tim will ask ADL about having an Arbor Day planting at the school. This would be an excellent opportunity to add to children's community service hours. Date TBD. It was suggested that we add more info on our website.

Street Signage: Steve presented examples of single Yard Sale style signs and a series of smaller signs as examples of how tree's help the environment in 5 different ways. Nick will check with the Village then Steve will place order. Steve will be responsible for rotating the signs to different planting areas in season.

Public Engagement: Discussed a potential Tree Contest, or Tree Walk in Maple Street Park. Some Tree's in Maple St Park need updated or new ID tags. These tags may be able to include a QR code. A Tree walk at Maple St Park could be staged as an Arbor Day Event.

Other Business: Nick was recognized for his article written for the Branch Out Burlington Newsletter outlining the history of the Essex Tree Committee.

Meeting Adjourned 6:26 pm Next Meeting tentative for March 15.