

November Meeting Minutes Essex Tree Committee. . 11/21/.2024. In attendance:Nick Meyer. Steve Rivard.Max Seaton.Andrea Shortsleeve Rich Boyers. Leslie Goldring.

Welcome all by Nick

Additions to agenda: None.

Public to be heard: None.

October minutes approved.

Fall tree planting: Very Successful,with help from Parks and Recreation. Primarily in Maple Street Park. All 11 trees have been mulched.

EAB letter to residents: Leslie suggested we elaborate on the easement information when approaching homeowners.

West Street Triplex landscape planning. Nick discussed the city's increased density plan for residential units. Andrea brought up a concern about honeysuckle invasive, and also suggested to ask the.Developer for the Scientific Latin name for the honeysuckles. Nick noted thatThe Tree Committee has oversight on street trees only.

Tree walk update.Project remains in planning stage.Nick, Leslie, and Max walked in Maple Street Park and discussed ideas about tree identification. Lead Educator At Essex High School.Wants to assign a tree to each of his forestry program students, to write an essay .Nick suggested that the Tree Committee give him parameters. Andrea suggested a QR code to bring up a "StoryMap". An example of this is used by Catamount Community Forest. Andrea will send out sample links for the group. We would need cooperation from the city if they have the GIS software for this project.

Other business.The potential to improve a trail behind the Maple St. bike park was discussed. Nick allowed that the city is looking at traffic calming and is putting together a manual. The city has asked for the tree committee, input on protocol.

Changes in the land development code, potential to plant st. trees every 40 feet.

Meeting adjourned 5 30 pm. Next meeting Thursday December 19 at the Library.