

WESTPORT TREE BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2016, 4:30 P.M.
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309

ATTENDING: Tricia Rubenstein (Chair), Ed Picard, Dick Stein, Al Gratrix, Lori Meinke, Dick Fincher, Bruce Lindsay (Tree Warden).

Meeting called to order at 4.35 p.m.

Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum:

- Grant pending, awaiting final signature..
- GPS Trail Mapping – using Trimble – Bruce and Tricia proceeding with plan.
- Discussion of future parking at LWA. Al Gratrix will check regulations with P & Z.
- Dick Fincher will follow-up with SLOBS re planned donation which would go toward signage.
- Mike Aiktenhead will be bringing his environmental students from Staple this fall.

Town Tree Planting:

- 52 trees will be planted mid-Nov. Bidding process under evaluation. Staking of locations throughout Town has been done by the Tree Warden.

Westport Ever-Green:

- Non-profit 501-C-3 corporation pending.
- Board of Directors will be set up.
- Westport/Weston included.
- Al Gratrix will speak with Town Attorney re Westport Ever-Green.

Baron's South Update:

- Coordination between Senior Center architects, Parks & Recreation, and Tree Warden Bruce Lindsay is underway regarding Senior Center expansion, Landscape Design and tree work scheduled on property.
- Bruce Lindsay did a walk-through the property with abutting neighbors.
- Selective clearing of trees will begin mid-November.
- Tree Board will walk the property before tree work begins.

Notable Trees (Dick Stein):

- Sherwood Island, co-national champion Northern Bayberry.
- Bruce Lindsay noted a red or black oak, 68" in diameter at 20 Grasmere Ave., Fairfield, which Dick Stein will evaluate.

Action Items:

- Parking regulations.
- 501-C-3 status.
- GPS mapping at LWA.
- Tree Board members to attend CT Urban Forest Council Fall Conference.
- Next Tree Board meeting TUESDAY, Nov. 22, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned, 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Lori Meinke, Dick Fincher