

WESTPORT TREE BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, 4:30 P.M
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309

ATTENDING: Tricia Rubenstein (Chair), Dick Fincher Peter Kolbrenner, Ed Picard, Dick Stein, Bruce Lindsay (Tree Warden)

Meeting called to order at 4.35 p.m.

Minutes from August 24 meeting approved with the correction that Planning and Zoning has not yet approved the Ordinance Updates.

Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum:

DEEP Grant (\$10,900) received, plus matching town grant (\$11,300).

One and possibly two Eagle Scouts will do weekend (100 hrs., with helpers) project(s), extending existing trails toward bridge.

City Bench is milling LWA wood to be installed as benches at new Earthplace outdoor auditorium.

Bruce and Tricia will attempt GPS mapping of LWA.

LWA Educational Opportunities:

Bruce to speak with Tony Aikenhead regarding educational opportunities collaboration.

Bruce & Tricia to initiate dialogue with the Board of Education.

Pending progress/outcome of the above, a written presentation will be constructed to inform Administration and Board and set the stage for a continued long-term working relationship between LWA and Westport Education at all levels.

Tour of Katherine Ordway Preserve, 9/28/16:

Meet there @ 10 a.m.,(165 Goodhill Rd., Weston), 1.5 hr. tour. Board members please advise Bruce beforehand if you plan to attend.

CT Urban Forest Council's Fall Conference, 10/26/16

In Southington. Advise Bruce by 10/7 if you wish to attend. Westport will pay admission fee.

Notable Tree Update – nothing to report.

Action Items:

Tree Warden overseeing planting of prox 51 trees on various town sites/parks/beaches.

Newly constructed tables and benches (by City Bench and Dick Stein) on display at town hall and for sale.

Review of new building permit specs by Tree Board to begin immediately, on an strong advisory basis. 785 P.R. East used by Bruce to explain process.

Westport Friends of Parks/Recreation inviting individuals to purchase/plant trees at various locations, Tree Warden providing oversight.

Meeting Adjourned, 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Lori Meinke, Dick Fincher