

**WESTPORT TREE BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2017, 4:30 P.M.
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309**

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

VISITORS: Tony McDowell (Eearthplace), Pamela Klomberg.

Minutes from December Meeting approved and accepted.

Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum:

*Tree work completed; site work completed; milling by City Bench completed; additional removal of remaining debris will take place; additional grant submission in process by Tree Warden, to continue work at LWA.

*Topics explored for future discussion: Possible seeding of designated areas; possible informational letter for distribution to LWA neighbors noting progress; press release re LWA; scheduling a Spring I.D. walk around LWA for neighbors.

*Autocad received – new trails to be added.

*Staples Internships – Lori Meinke will follow-up

Baron's South:

*Work to be completed within the next few days; healthcare of trees to be done April-May;

*Landscape Architect will have a rough draft plan completed in two weeks.

*Discussion regarding use of historical pictures of Baron's South for educating the public in future.

*Drone photography was done before, during and after the project.

Non-profit Status:

*Official non-profit status completed – *WESTPORT EVERGREEN, INC.*

*By-laws being reviewed by Al Gratrix.

ARBOR DAY:

*Nationally, April 28, 2017, Westport to celebrate Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

*Discussion of possible locations to hold sapling giveaway.

*April 29, 2017. Green Day at Earthplace – Dick Fincher will attend informational meeting 2/2/17 and report.

ACTION ITEMS:

*Terms of current Tree Board members to be renewed 3/1/2017.

*Due to family relocation out of state, Chair Tricia Rubenstein will leave the Tree Board in May, 2017.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lori Meinke, Dick Fincher