

**WESTPORT TREE BOARD MEETING, JULY 19, 2017, 4:30 P.M.
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309**

ATTENDING: Dick Fincher, Al Gratrix, Peter Kolbrenner, Lori Meinke, Ed Picard, Dick Stein, Bruce Lindsay (Tree Warden). Guest: Lou Mall.

Minutes from June meeting approved and accepted.

Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum:

- *Dick Fincher creating Mission Statement/Business Plan, requesting feedback from Board.
- *Bruce Lindsay recommends a cohesive approach by the Tree Board, LWA, and the non-profit, Westport Evergreen, Inc.
- *Peter Kolbrenner suggested several specific wording changes in the Business Plan, noted by the Board and Dick Fincher.
- *Tree Board will re-evaluate Mission Statement/Business Plan in September Meeting.
- *Letter to the LWA neighbors in process with the goal to mail in September.
- *Lou Mall suggested widening the mailing radius, which Bruce Lindsay will manage.
- *Grants and charitable outreach continuing to be researched and pursued.

Westport Evergreen, Inc:

- *Al Gratrix reports that the By-laws are being completed, then a Board will be appointed.

Planning and Zoning Landscape Plan Reviews:

- *Several notices of violations in process and being sent.
- *Volvo awaiting new architectural plan for Tree Board review
- *793 Post Road East is awaiting Conservation review.
- *645 Post Road East – Pation.com – Letter sent.
- *535 Riverside Avenue – trees have been removed.
- *139 Kingshighway North – violation.
- *63 Turkey Hill Road South – under review.

Board Vacancy:

- *Suggested candidates to fill Board vacancy being evaluated.

Notable Trees:

- *Possible tree on Old Hill Road.

Baron's South:

- *Plan is for Tree Board to do a walk-about in August to evaluate current and future plans, Bruce Lindsay will schedule.

Meeting Adjourned, 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Meinke & Dick Fincher.

Next Meeting September 20, 2017, 4:30 p.m., Room 309, Westport Town Hall.