

**WESTPORT TREE BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 2017, 4:30 P.M.
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309**

ATTENDING: Dick Fincher, Lori Meinke, Ed Picard, Dick Stein, Bruce Lindsay (Tree Warden).

Meeting Called to Order, 4:35 p.m. by Bruce Lindsay, Tree Warden

Minutes of 9/20/17 Meeting approved and accepted.

Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum:

*Donations – Donations received as discussed under WEI below. Efforts are underway for a “matching” program proposal to Westport Town.

*Recent Developments – Parking Lot will be completed soon, clearing has been done. Potentially will incorporate water supply and work on walkway along Stonybrook Rd. concurrently. Signage being created also.

*Pending Projects – SLOBS will be scheduled for day of brush clean-up and trail maintenance, headed by Tree Warden Bruce Lindsay and Board Member Dick Stein. Work will probably include extension of ‘Bridge Trail to tie into Earthplace trail network.

Girl Scouts will be scheduled for work on neighborhood mailing, discussed under “Marketing” below.

*Marketing – A “Neighborhood” mailing to prox 450 households in close proximity to the Arboretum will be scheduled shortly by Tree Warden Bruce Lindsay assisted by Board Member Dick Fincher and RTM Representative Lou Mall. Girl Scouts will stuff mailers and affix mailing labels. This mailing will also go to individuals who registered for the recent Arbor Day bench raffle.

Westport Evergreen, Inc (WEI):

*The Bank Account is active, with approximately \$3,000 in donations received to date. A large contribution was gratefully received from the Westport Garden Club, aided by Dan Woog’s 8/17/17 article on the Arboretum and the efforts of Board Member Lori Meinke.

*The initial WEI Board is formed, Tree Warden Bruce Lindsay, Chair, Board will be augmented..

P&Z Landscape Review:

*Various sites in process of review/implementation, managed by Tree Warden Bruce Lindsay and Board Member Al Gratrix.

Board Vacancy/Leadership:

Two candidates being considered and will be interviewed by the Board during the winter months, other candidates being sought.

Notable Tree Update:

*A Sycamore at 1177 PRE had to be removed because of soil compaction and underground utilities, and to compensate, nine trees will be planted by the owner, as approved and directed by the Tree Warden.

New Business:

*Tree Warden Bruce Lindsay will be sourcing trees from various vendors for spot planting throughout Westport town as needed.

Adjourn, 5:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Fincher, Lori Meinke.

NEXT MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 2017. 4:30 P.M., WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309.