

**WESTPORT TREE BOARD MEETING, MAY 16, 2018  
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309, 4:30 P.M.**

ATTENDING: Dick Fincher, Ed Picard, Dick Stein.

GUESTS: Monica Buesser, Lou Mall.

Meeting called to order, 4:30 p.m.

Minutes of 4/18/18 meeting approved and accepted.

**LILLIAN WADSWORTH ARBORETUM:**

\*Neighbors' Letter complete, IT office has list and can print envelopes, Bruce Lindsay will advise when envelopes are done and we can stuff/post/mail, hopefully by next week. Could be a project on which Staples Interns could assist.

\*Thanks to Staples Environmental Studies Class (prox 30 students) who put in a solid 90 minutes of clean-up and trail work at LWA, 5/9/18.

\*LWA health review done by Tree Board, Tree Warden and experts from Davey Tree, 5/15/18.

\*Staples Interns report for duty, Tues. 5/22, to be greeted by Tree Warden Bruce Lindsay and Tree Board members, Tree Board will assist in managing their work days.

**WESTPORT EVERGREEN, INC. 501(c)3** No report today.

**P & Z LANDSCAPE PLAN REVIEW S:**

\*500 Main St: Tree Board recommends (a) different type evergreens, (b) sufficient street trees in parking areas.

\*20 Saugatuck Ave. Tree Board recommends (a) review of foundation plantings, (b) sufficient street trees in parking area and on street.

**BOARD VACANCY/LEADERSHIP:**

\*Candidate in discussion with Tree Warden, resume reviewed by Tree Board members.

**ORDINANCES/RECENT DISCUSSION WITH 1<sup>ST</sup> SELECTMAN:**

\*Tree Warden Bruce Lindsay, Dick Fincher (Tree Board), Lou Mall (RTM) met 5/9/18 with 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Jim Marpe and Ass't. Town Attorney Eileen Flug, outlined purpose of proposed ordinance: "Maintain, preserve and sustain the Westport Forest Cover, both for its ambience and environmental/health benefits":

\*Tree Warden Lindsay and Attorney Flug will create a Westport Tree Ordinance for presentation to RTM.

\*RTM Member Lou Mall will be a sponsor when Ordinance is presented.

**NOTABLE TREE UPDATE:** No report today.

**SPRING TREE PLANTING UNDERWAY** At BOE, Parks, PW as previously discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*LWA tree health inspection found several large oaks with wide canopy which are diseased. Plan required re their care and/or removal;replacement.

Meeting Adjourned, 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Fincher

***NEXT MEETING, JUNE 20, 2018, ROOM 309, WESTPORT TOWN HALL, 4:30 P.M.***