

Westport Tree Board Meeting Jan. 16, 2019

Attendees: Bruce Lindsay, Dick Fincher, Ed Pickard, Monica Buesser, Dick Stein, Peter Kolbrenner

Audience: Becky Newman

Dec 12, 2018 Meeting minutes approved with changes: LWA B) 2018 to 2019, LaMeda to Lametta

Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum

- A) Scout Work: Several scouts are working in the arboretum on various projects directed by Bruce Lindsay
- B) Gifts Status: John Howe has donated \$10,000.00 for the Meadow Project. The Siegel Family has donated \$2500.00 for a bench. Other donations received for \$500 and \$100. Total \$13,100 deposited into Westport Evergreen charitable donation fund for these projects. Dick Fincher noted that retired individuals can donate portion of required IRA withdraw without being taxed as it is not considered income when donated to Westport Evergreen. All gifts must be presented to town Selectmen for approval.
- C) Memorial Plantings – Shel Gelman donated Serbian Spruce
- D) Other: Sign is being made

Tree Plantings: 45 last month

Planning & Zoning:

YMCA: Bruce Lindsay reviewing impact of construction on trees. Approximately 40 – 50 trees will be removed for slide, archery range, and pool work.

Tree Board responsibilities: The Tree Board is officially charged with the duty of reviewing all site plans for compliance with tree regulations. The Tree Warden will consult if needed, but not review all site plans. The basis for this is the “Greening of Post Road” begun in the 70’s.

2019 Meeting Schedule: Meetings will be held on 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11 There is no meeting in August 4/26 Arbor Day tree give away 4/27 LWA Open House

Open Space

Dick Fincher visited several open space areas that could be utilized in a passive way with a possible mowed trail and small signs indicating history or environmental attributes. The Northeast corner of Sherwood Island connector and Greens Farms road is one possible space.

Notable Trees: No new ones – Bruce working on public list

Fund Raising Efforts: Several Tree Board members met with representatives from Peoples United Bank about receiving a community grant. Sam Gault met with Dick Fincher and Bruce Lindsay. They are interested in donating time (workers), material or money for work at LWA. Future request suggested from Eversource and Aquarion so power and water are available to LWA.

New Business: LWA parking lot entrance should be fixed. Currently too steep for most cars.

