

Westport Tree Board 11-17-2021

Welcome

Attendees: Ed Picard, Monica Buesser, Frank Rosen, Ben Sykas, John Broadbin, Lou Mall, Becky Newman, Marie Rossi, Alec Stevens

Tree Warden Report

Ben Sykas reported that 27 trees would be planted on Nov. 30th.

Ben is meeting with IT Department to work on better system for residents to use to report tree issues.

The Tree City USA plaque and signs should be brought to Town Hall to be installed.

There have been numerous tree inspections done recently

Chairman's Report

Tree Board does not review plans for commercial development. This had been done in the past by the Tree Warden and then the Tree Board.

Pledge to not clearcut – contact developers directly to share information on trees and their value, environmentally and also in resale value of homes with large mature trees (10-18% higher!). Have a two sided discussion with developers, Eco-builder award?

Arbor Day – April 29, 2022 (Mayple?) Give out different types of native maple trees

Notable Trees – Dick Stein, no new trees to report

New Business – Ed Picard suggested that since our responsibilities have changed (no open space, LWA is now Parks & Rec, no landscape plan review) that we refocus and determine how the board can best accomplish future goals