

## WESTPORT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 11, 2013

**Present:** Kathy Groener, Bob Weiss, Nancy Carr, Claire Ford, Betty Lou Cummings, Linda Adelman, Debra Kandrak, Barbara Levy, Susan Loselle, Guest: Leah Scherzer

**Treasurer's Report:** The committee has \$10,000. After eighteen years Bob Weiss will be stepping down as treasurer. We thank him for his many years of service and are grateful that he will stay on the committee as a member. Susan Loselle will take over this position.

### **Re-Greening**

**Street Trees:** We discussed replacing a tree at 877 Post Road that had been knocked down. In the future we should get an accident report to determine if it will be covered by insurance. Kathy will check on this moving forward.

**Beautification Awards:** Some nominations were suggested. Pictures will be taken of those areas and any other nominations will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

We had a lengthy discussion about a new direction for our committee. With the Tree Board being formed and a Tree Warden being hired, we feel the direction of our committee is changing. Since our budget doesn't allow us to maintain large projects we envision us coming up with the ideas or areas that need to be improved, like we did with the bridge gardens, and then turning over the implementation to other sponsors. Other ideas that were discussed: take on one large project every year; chose a few adopt-a-spots that the committee will be responsible for with our sign on them; the Saugatuck train station; a welcome garden. Kathy will research historical information on our committee as well as our mission statement. We will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting began at 4:05 and was adjourned at 5:00.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 4:00pm in room 201 of Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Loselle  
Westport Beautification Committee