

WESTPORT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Present: Kathy Groener, Mitzi Lyman, Barbara Levy, Linda Adelman, Betty Lou Cummings, Debra Kandrak, Susan Loselle

Treasurer's Report: The committee has \$9,950. A bill was submitted for \$50.00 to change the date on the banner for clean-up day.

Clean-up Day: Saturday, May 17th at 9:00a.m. Our area is Jesup Green.

Re-Greening

Street Trees: Angela is sending a letter to Post Road business owners asking if they want trees planted. We discussed the feasibility of requesting that the owners water, care for, and don't cut the trees down for at least two years. We decided this would have to be done on a case-by-case basis. A question came up as to the eighty trees that have been donated to the town: What kind of trees are they? Are they available to us? It was discussed that we need more communication between our committee and Park and Rec.

It was stressed that whenever we are involved in any project, we take before and after photos for our records and publicity.

Kathy clarified for us the scope of the Tree Warden and Tree Board responsibilities.

Kathy also reported on the meeting at Longshore. Too often when there is a party, bows and signs are stapled to the trees and this has harmed them. According to the tree warden it will become part of the contract and there will be a hefty fine if the contract is breached. Kathy would like this committee to take pictures of any signs or bows we see on the trees leading to Longshore.

We resumed our discussion from the last meeting about upgrading Veteran's Green into a beautiful gathering place with a cut thru to Main Street, and learned from Betty Lou that there are stairs leading onto Main Street. Mitzi proposed the idea of a brick labyrinth on the green. Kathy said that if we are all on board the next step is to get the approval from Jim Marpe.

The meeting began at 4:15 and was adjourned at 5:00.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 4:00pm in room 201 of Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Loselle Westport Beautification Committee