

WESTPORT TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Westport Town Hall, Room 309

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 4:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Bruce Lindsay, Tree Warden

Ed Picard, Co-Chair Tree Board

Peggy Sawyer, Secretary Tree Board

Dick Stein

Member of the community

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

- I. March 25th, 2015 Meeting Minutes – Approve & Accept. Ed Picard motioned to accept the minutes from February meeting. Dick Stein seconded.
- II. New Board Members' Recruitment – Interested candidates contacted Bruce Lindsay. Mr. Marpe is reviewing candidates for Tree Board's review.
- III. "America the Beautiful" Grant; "Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum": Update- Town accepted America the Beautiful Grant, which is good for one year. Bruce sent paperwork to the State and we are on HOLD with them. Clean-up has started at the Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum.
- IV. Longshore/Compo Tree inventory: Davey Trees Presentation on inventory work May 5, 2015 9a-1pm, Rm. 309. Members of Parks and Rec and other town depts will be invited along with the Tree Board.
- V. Westport Arbor Day April 25, 2015 – Tree Board members will bag trees in Bruce's office on Friday, 4/24 for distribution at Arbor Day. We will be stationed at Library with Maker's Faire.
- VI. SPRING EVENTS –Discussion:
Westport Green Day: 5/2,3 - Tree Board members are committed to other areas of town
Wakeman Town Farm: Bruce Lindsay will do some tree work at the Farm.
Beautification Committee – Tree Board asked to assist with Winslow clean-up.
May 17, 2015 – Norwalk Tree Festival, public invited to attend.
- VII. P & Z – April 23,7pm, Arboretum vote re: Open Space.

VIII. 2015 TREE PLANTINGS: Tree Board members discussed 8 potential locations for planting 40 trees in town. Bid will be on town website.

IX. WESTPORT GARDEN CLUB: Invited Bruce Lindsay to speak to them at the Saugatuck Church on June 11 at 1pm. Bruce invited members of the Tree Board to join him.

X. COMMENTS/ADJOURN – Peggy Sawyer suggested Bruce write a press release reminding members of the public as well as builders not to cut trees on town Right of Way.

Ed Picard made motion to adjourn at 5:55pm. Dick Stein seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Sawyer, Secretary - Westport Tree Board