

**Westport Tree Board**  
**August 26, 2015**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Bruce Lindsay, Interim chairperson and Westport Tree Warden

Ed Picard, vice-chairperson, Tree Board

Peggy Sawyer, Tree Board secretary

Dick Stein

Karen Klein

Tricia Rubenstein

Peter Kolbrener

Absent:

Dr. Spector

Meeting called to order at 4:35pm

1. Introduction and Welcome: Bruce Lindsay welcomed new Board members.
2. July 22, 2015 meeting minutes: Ed Picard moved to accept 7/22/15 meeting minutes. Peter Kolbrener seconded.
3. “Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum” Update: Bruce Lindsay told the Board that at their next meeting the Board of Selectmen will

motion to name the arboretum. If approved, the agenda item will next go to the RTM.

Arboretum Project: an Eagle Scout applicant will clean up a wetlands section of the Arboretum outlined by Bruce. This section can only be cleared manually. Karen Klein will contact SLOBS group to see if they may be interested in assisting to clear the Arboretum. Other groups interested in assisting to clear the Arboretum are welcome to volunteer to Bruce Lindsay. Some remaining funds from 2015 will be used for clearing additional sections of the Arboretum. Bruce is including Earthplace with the project.

Tree Board is looking to keep appropriations to the arboretum as an internal working group.

Peggy Sawyer, Karen Kleine and Tricia Rubenstein will begin to work on fundraising efforts for the ongoing clearing and maintenance of the Arboretum. We will consider offering sponsorship of gates, trees, wildflower meadows, benches and more to assist in raising funds for the Arboretum. Ed Picard will look into granite bench availability/price from Gault.

Tricia will work on the brochure for the Arboretum which will include definition of an arboretum as well as the Tree Board charter. We will also write a press release re: the Arboretum. Once final, the release will be forwarded to Eileen Francis for posting. It was suggested that Dan Woog may wish to write a piece on the new Arboretum.

4. Westport updates: Carrie Makover, the Town Hall webmaster, can put links on the Town website. Bruce encourages Tree Board members to suggest relevant items to be added to the town website. Tricia Rubenstein suggested the Board develop a FAQs (frequently asked questions) section for the Town website which will include

useful links for public knowledge. Bruce encourages Board members to send relevant links to him which he will forward to Carrie Makover to include on the website.

5. Tree Board-Landscape and Advisory to P&Z: Bruce wrote a letter to the P&Z Commission suggesting the Tree Board act in an advisory capacity to the P&Z related to landscape reviews.
6. Notable Trees: Dick Stein says the list is growing and that he has identified two new trees to add to the list.
7. Main St. Update: CHASE BANK pear trees are private. They are amenable to removal of their trees as they will die in the excavation of Main St. Princeton Elms will be planted in place of the pear trees. Tree Board will submit an educational letter to the editor of the local papers explaining why trees on Main Street had to be removed during the current work.
8. Trees and Our Health: Dr. Spector will review with Tree Board at our next meeting.
9. Gail Kelly working on Tree Board ordinances.
10. New business: Eversource coming to town. Working on two circuits in Kings Highway and Compo Beach areas. Bruce working with them re: trees that need to be removed/pruned and what can be saved.

Bruce tells us that the Emerald Ash Borer and the S. Pine Bark Beetle are in town. He says they are not that bad yet.

11. At 6:20pm, Dick Stein motioned that we adjourn meeting. Ed Picard seconded.
12. September meeting is in room 201. Bruce will confirm date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Sawyer, secretary Westport Tree Board