

Westport Tree Board Meeting
March 23, 2016, 4:30pm
Westport Town Hall, Room 309

In Attendance: Tricia Rubenstein, Dick Stein, Ed Picard, Al Gratrix, Peter Kolbrener, Bruce Lindsay (Tree Warden)

Guests: Selectman Jim Marpe

Meeting called to order at 4:37 pm.

Minutes: Peter motioned to approve the February minutes, Ed seconded, all in favor.

Tree Board Member Update

- Lori Meinke and Dick Fincher will be joining the Board

Board Secretary needed – need to fill the position in the next month

Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum:

- \$ Student are signed up – we will provide a welcome kit for each
- Shed sourced by Dick Stein. Al Gratrix to prepare temp permit for P&Z
- Tree Tags in – might have students install
- 2nd Grant approved – 11K

Greening of the Post Road – 605-635 Post Road

- Al working with P&Z on ordinances
- Dan Woog did story on the history of the Greening of the post Road
- Met with Beautification Committee to check in with them on the history/issues

Arbor Day

- April 29th – 2-5 PM at the Arboretum
- Press release needed
- Saplings chosen from the lists Bruce provided: Dogwood -- Cornus Florida, Norway Spruce, River Birch

Notable Trees

- Dick reported on an Umbrella Pine, a bayberry at Sherwood Island and a Cork Tree. Oldest tree in Westport is a white oak about 300 years

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Old Business

- Bruce has been working with Gale Kelly to draft ordinances which will include the need for permits for any tree work in the Town Right of Way. Want the ordinances to be like a manual
- Tree work is happening on Imperial Avenue in conjunction with new sidewalks

- Dead trees are being removed at Longshore

New Business

- AI Gratrix is working on the 5013C status with the assistance of Joe Sledge

Ed made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dick, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:10

- Respectfully submitted,
- Tricia Rubenstein, Chair