

**Palmer Arboretum
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2011
9:00 a.m. Woodstock Town Hall – Meeting Room A**

- 1. Call to Order** 9:07 a.m.
- 2. Present:** Bill Brower, Judith Gries, Marian Hallowell, Chad Hart, Marilyn Pomeroy, and Nancy Sheldon Absent: None Guests: Mary Seney and Jean Pillo
- 3. Approval of Minutes** February 22 meeting (Marilyn/Bill) unanimous
- 4. Treasurer's Report** - Marilyn Pomeroy \$2,779.96
 - A. Invoices for month \$27
 - B. Remaining funds
- 5. Old Business:**
 - A. Mowing/Ground Care Contract** Seven bids were sent in the mail and three people responded with quotes. Chad made a motion to accept bid from Mitch Effay to fertilize \$125, mow grass when needed \$50 each time, and fall clean up \$100 to \$200. Marilyn Pomeroy seconded it.
 - B. Arborists** Chad has spoken to arborists to help him trim and prune 9 to 12 on Saturday, April 30, Arbor Day. Bill will get coffee and donuts. Marilyn, Judith, and Nancy will help with lunch. A press release will be arranged. Students from Hyde School and other volunteers will be contacted A motion was made by Bill to purchase \$175 for commemorative T shirts. Seconded by Judith.
 - C. Weed Control** Suggestions of people were discussed to be contacted in the future. The entrance is priority, plus beds of Arthur Manthorne's wild flowers .
 - D. Rain Garden** Jean Pillo, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission and connected with the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District has received a grant and discussed a plan to alleviate water problem and to work with the Historical Society. Bill will provide Jean with a maps of area.
 - E. UCONN Plan Hyde/Jeff Stefanik** – On Monday, April 4, Jeff will be meeting with Sarah Robinson, Hyde School math teacher, to explain mapping.
 - F. UCONN Plan Our Input /Meeting** On Friday, March 29 at 4 p.m we plan to meet Kristin Schwab to walk the Arboretum

G. Tags – We will work with the Beautification Committee to identify trees, size and location of tags.

H. Fence Marilyn will call Woodstock Enterprises for a copy of proposal . size, and location of tags.. Woodstock Area Garden Club will donate \$100.

I. Drainage Work – Discussed with Jean regarding rain garden.

6. New Business Since there is an opening, we unanimously would like to have Edie Pearce join our group.

7. Adjourn 10:20 a.m. Judith/Bill

Next meeting April 26, 2011, at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Hallowell

Acting Secretary