

**Palmer Arboretum
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2011
Woodstock Town Hall – Meeting Room A**

- 1. Call to Order** 9:03 a.m.
- 2. Present:** Bill Brower, Marian Hallowell, Chad Hart, Edie Pearce, Marilyn Pomeroy, and Nancy Sheldon Absent: Judith Gries
- 3. Approval of Minutes** March 22 meeting (Nancy/Chad) unanimous
- 4. Treasurer's Report** - Marilyn Pomeroy \$2,752.96
 - A. Invoices for month \$156.88 12 commemorative T shirts
 - B. Remaining funds \$2,596.08
- 5. Old Business:**
 - A. Arborists** Chad reported on Saturday, April 30 9 to 12 a.m. many arborists have volunteered to trim, prune and shape branches and take down a Norway maple tree. Bill will get coffee and donuts. Marilyn, Judith, and Nancy will help with lunch. Mary Lou Davis will provide drinks and cookies. Students from Hyde School will clean up.
 - B. Weed Control** Chad suggested Roundup.
 - C. Rain Garden/Drainage Work** - The Town agreed to do the drainage work in the parking lot to prevent water damage but the Historical Society has not agreed.
 - D. Hyde Mapping Project** On April 4 Jeff Stefanik (CME) and Sarah Robinson (Hyde School mat teacher) spent mapping, and soon we should have an accurate map of the Arb return.
 - E. UCONN Plan** Hopefully in a couple of weeks Kristin Schwab's landscape class students will present us with four plans.
 - F. Tags** – Chad, David Schroeder, Bill and others will make a list of trees which need ID tags.
 - G. Fence** - We will wait for Kristin Schwab's plan

H. Budget before June – We will spend money on weeding, edging, ground cover and mulch. Chad made a motion to contact Mitch Effay to spend up to \$1,000 –Nancy and Edie seconded it.

6. New Business

A. Walk at entrance – Discussed removing three railroad ties. May be we could get a grant for a new path.

B. Compost area for leaves.

C. Putnam Town Crier – Bill will contact Linda to take photos of plants when in bloom for newspaper coverage.

7. Adjourn 10:12 a.m. Marian/Nancy

Next meeting May 24, 2011, at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Hollowell

Secretary