

Arboretum Committee Minutes January 11, 2018 Meeting

Present: Bill Brower, Philippa Paquette, Jean Rocheleau, Danielle Payne, Judith Gries, Edie Pearse
Guests: Chad Hart, Mitch Eaffy, Nancy Adams, Tristan Anderson, Josh Nowack, Eli Child.

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Motion to approve minutes of November 9. (Rocheleau/Gries) all in favor Paquette abstained.
3. Treasurer's report: There is \$3,200 in the Friends of the Arboretum Fund
4. a) Pile has been burned by Mitch and friends
b) Matt's plaque is still at his house
c) Bill has not had a chance to look at the information boxes
d) Philippa has replaced 7 they are all numbered now
e) no progress on plaque and tree for Dennis Panu
f) Garden club will plant hydrangeas on the common

5. Budget:

It is very important to install permanent paths and bases under the garden furniture. The present wood chips are deteriorating and maintenance is labor intensive. The quote for solid slabs under the furniture Bill received seemed high and the options were discussed. Bill will pursue this.

Danielle will design an ad. For the Arboretum to be included in the Last Green Valley Explorer Booklet. Deadline is early February. Bill will meet with her and share photos and history.

Mitch suggested that Bill present the needs of the Arboretum directly to the Selectman when they are planning their budget. He will go with him.

6:New Business:

Mary Lou has offered to allow the Arboretum to clear an area into her property on the border with the Arboretum. Bill has drawn up a contract that allows for a ten foot strip to be cleared and planted by the Arboretum and either party can withdraw at any time. Her lawyer has reviewed this contract.

Garden Tours:

April 15..... Tour.....Chad, Judith and Edie

May 12.....Garden Club Plant Sale...Table and tour. Chad, Bill

June 10.....Tour...Jean

July 14.....Tour with Garden Club

Nancy Adams would like to set up a regular twice monthly volunteer work day at the Arboretum. She would ask for volunteers from the Master Gardener Program and her husband would also help. Mitch said he would be happy to meet with her to identify regular maintenance chores as he has been mowing the lawns weekly and knows the seasonal needs.

..Next meeting: put on the agenda.

Review the placement of a flyer in the Shoppers Guide to request donations .Jean is leading this and will talk to Julie at the Town Hall to see if they will print the flyers.

Respectfully submitted,
Philippa Paquette