

Palmer Arboretum ~ Minutes Regular Meeting ~April 12, 2018

1. **Call to order** ~ Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Attendance** ~ Bill Brower, Marilyn Pomeroy, Jean Rocheleau, Absent Edie Pearce, Others Excused
3. **Approval of March Minutes** ~ Marilyn Pomeroy, Jean Rocheleau
4. **Treasurer's Report** ~ \$2,931.65
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Matt's plaque ~ **Pending**
 - b. Information box? Danielle ~ **No Update - await status from Danielle**
 - c. Plaque and tree for Dennis Panu + sycamore-Jean/Chad/Andy ~ **Plaque completed. Leaning towards Chad's suggestion to plant a Heptacodium. To be planted in the area of the Arboretum entrance where there is substantial sunlight due to removal of damaged trees.**
 - d. Hydrangeas town hall ~ **Bill to speak with John Navarro to see if the town can dig them up, and Arboretum Committee will plant, perhaps on the Common.**
 - e. Dates Garden Tours in spring: ~ **Jean to contact Woodstock Villager to post dates.**
TLGV Spring Outdoors:
Mid-April 4/15 **Change to 4/22 ~ 10:30 a.m.**
May 12-Garden Club Sale- booth and tour Chad, Edie, Judith ~ **2:30 p.m.**
June 10, Chad, Bill ~ **10:00 a.m.**
Garden Club Garden Tour July 14??? ~ **Chad are you available? ~ 10:00 a.m.**
 - f. Nancy Adams scheduled weeding idea. ~ **Nancy dedicating much needed time for her Mom. We look forward to seeing her when time permits.**
 - g. Stone dust estimate for paths-Mitch ~ **Bill met with Ben Young, estimate \$2,700**
 - h. Calendar for Arboretum care for year Nancy, Mitch, Margaret, Bill **DONE**
 - i. Expenses to end of year... ~ **Mowing & necessary weeding \$1,500, Shopper's Guide \$153.60**
 - j. Meeting with Board of Finance about hardscape improvements. ~ **Selectmen were receptive, suggested meeting with BOF. Bill presented Arboretum needs to BOF and requested \$7,000. Status under consideration, opinions were voiced to allocate all remaining funds to Education, but the decision is up to BOF. The existing liability that this wet area presents was noted.**
6. **New Business:**
 - a. "Jobs" for Pomfret students April 19 ~ **Massive clean-up and lugging branches to top of entrance. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - STUDENTS WILL BE THERE FROM 9 - 2, Please contact Bill.**
 - b. Fundraising Letter-Jean ~ **5,000 letters printed, folded and boxed for Shopper's Guide insertion of May 15. Cost of Copy Paper and printed - donated. Each Committee member to receive 5 letters to send out to personal contacts.**
 - c. Eagle Scout Project ~ **Bill met with Scott Selmecki to review projects, pathway or solid base under wood table/stools and bench. Scott will get back to Bill as he also has a project request from WA.**
7. **Adjourn** ~ 7:35 p.m.
Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, at 7:00 p.m. Please make a note on your calendar.

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Rocheleau, Interim Secretary