

## Arboretum Minutes May 10, 2018

1. Call to order- Meeting called to order at 7:02

2. Attendance- Bill Brower, Jean Rocheleau, Marilyn Pomeroy, Philippa Paquette

Absent excused- Chad Hart, Andrea Krofina, Absent- Judith Griese, Edie Pearce, Danielle Payne

3. Approval of April minutes Rocheleau/Brower

4. Treasurer's Report- Regular Account \$2119.8  
Friends Account. \$ 1494.14

Danielle needs to submit her invoice for \$180 for the information box.

5. Old Business- a) The plaque is ready

b) The information box is lovely. It will need a heavy duty support system and annual treatment with oil. Bill will try to get it mounted in some way for the tour on Saturday.

c) The plaque and rock are ready. It has been a year since Dennis died and the committee is feeling some urgency in installing the tree. The members will look around for a large specimen of Heptacodium.

d) Hydrangeas are leafing in but look sickly.

e) no comment

f) Meetings-

i) Putnam Rotary is interested in funding a project for the Arboretum...maybe they would erect a gazebo.

ii) Bill has met with the Board of Finance twice and Jean and Mitch will go to their next meeting. We are hoping to receive \$3,700 to pay for drainage and a stone bridge to replace the wooden one that is rotting. The stone is 7'X3', white CT line stone, cost \$595.

iii) The Eagle Scout is all set to start his project that will save the town and Arboretum over \$3000 but he cannot work on it until the paths and bridge are repaired.

iv) see above

v) Pomfret sent 60 kids for a massive cleanup and WA will be sending 40 tomorrow. Bill has a list of chores. He, Jean and Philippa will be there to supervise.

vi) Bill and Jean will set up the table at the Fairgrounds tomorrow. Judith will be able to cover the table on Saturday if it is close to the Garden Club ticket table. Philippa will be there from 8:30 to 9:00. Bill and Philippa will lead the walk, with umbrellas, at 2:30 in the Arboretum!

6. NewBusiness- a) Expenses to end of year.....

\$1000 for Mitch

\$180 for Danielle

prize money for WA art show...\$ 125, \$100, \$75, \$50

b) if necessary, money can be drawn from the Friends' Account to cover expenses. Donations may come in from the letter requesting donations. Each committee member should send out 5 letters with a personal note.

7. Adjourn at 7:43.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 14 at 7:00 pm.