

PALMER ARBORETUM ~ MINUTES
Regular Meeting ~ January 9th, 2020

Attendance: Nancy Adams, Bill Brower, Chad Hart, Jean Rocheleau
Absent: Philippa Paquette, Andrea Krofina

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Approval of November 14th Minutes: Nancy Adams, Bill Brower

Treasurer's Report: Regular Budget Fund 10 Balance \$991.88, YTD spending \$4008.12. Hopefully the balance will cover mowing expenses for April, May and June.

Budget for 2020/2021 submitted to Mr. Swan, Mr. Paquette & Mr. Kline with copy to Karen Fitzpatrick. We are requesting a return to our original budget of \$7,100 as outlined in the cover letter.

Friends of Arboretum - Fund 22 Balance of \$4,322. This is an increase of \$1,000 as a result of a very generous \$1,000 contribution from an anonymous donor.

Proposal to hold off on a Fundraiser Letter for this year was agreed upon. We will spend down existing account for the purchase of additional trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers and other enhancements to the Arboretum.

Nancy will look into TLGV Grant program to see if we can take advantage of this.

Bill provided an overview of services provided by Bartlett Tree Service accomplished during their day of training for their new employs. Pictures were taken and an article will be forthcoming in the Woodstock Villager. A large pile of chips will to be used in the area leading from the patio by the small pool to the new walkway. A little cleaning up needs to be done by the Poplar that was topped off. The area was too wet to get it picked up without causing extensive damage. This will not be big project.

Bill has sent pictures of tree in the Arboretum that has indications of beetle infestation. Chad noted that there has been no evidence of Emerald Ash Borer in Windham County. This could be the result of a different beetle or woodpeckers searching for insects.

Spring projects to include placing more cardboard and chips in the wet area. Need to check with local appliance businesses (Bousquet's & JT's) to check on large cardboard pieces for this project. **Chad** noted he would pick them up with his truck, and we can store them in the Historical Center basement.

Philippa to check with powers that be at Goodwin to see if there is any chance of recruiting new members to the Arboretum.

February's meeting will be to review planting ideas for the area at the South entrance that was cleared in the early fall. **Members should bring planting ideas, ground cover ideas, etc.** Possible climbing Hydrangea for the remaining trunk of the Poplar.

Motion to Adjourn: Nancy Adams, Chad Hart

Respectively Submitted,
Jean Rocheleau
Treasurer