

## Palmer Arboretum Minutes

October 10, 2019

1. Call to order : The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.  
Present P. Paquette, C. Hart. N. Adams  
Absent Excused: J.Rocheleau, B. Brower, A. Krofina
2. Secretary's report: Minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2019 . Motion (Hart/Adams) to approve the minutes of the meeting 9/26/2019. All in favor.
3. Treasurer's report: In Jean's absence, Philippa reported that STUMPS OUT will be paid \$250 for clearing all the stumps from the lower end of the Arboretum. The money will come from the Regular Fund. Jean had already approved this expenditure and approved the promptness of completing the work. Maite Dickinson arranged for a \$500 donation to the Friends Fund after she came to the Arboretum and weeded!
4. Volunteer Hours: Chad volunteered 12 hours not the 8 we guesstimated for him at the last meeting. Add 4 to the total. 5 1/2 so far this month.
5. Tasks at Arboretum: Raking, Weeding : Rain garden needs weeding, cutting back and removing. Chad emphasized the need to mitigate the erosion caused by the runoff down the bank to the left of the purple beech. The rain water, after a heavy storm, needs to be slowed down so that it does not expose the roots of trees and erode the topsoil. He suggested the placement of Rip Rap in the most vulnerable areas. Philippa will contact John Navarro and request about two yards of Rip Rap as part of the Town's contribution to the upkeep of their town park. The WA students who are volunteering at the Arboretum should be able to carry the Rip Rap down in buckets and fill the eroded areas. Jon will be cutting eunonymous on October 18th when the WA students come to work so they will also be able to remove the bushes.
6. New Business: Chad is ready to mount the owl and bird boxes that Andy has and the Arboretum will not install any other boxes at this time.  
Philippa will write to Danielle with a letter of resignation that she can sign and submit so that we can pursue another member for the Committee. The  
committee agreed to send out another fund raising letter in 2020 with an announcement in the Shoppers Guide. Linda Kaplan will  
be contacted by Philippa to enable Nancy to access the Arboretum Facebook page and website. Linda has been very helpful in posting material on the Arboretum but Nancy is not only on the committee, but is in the Arboretum frequently, and is willing to take and post photos and information on a regular basis.
7. There will not be a work day on October 19. There will be a work day on November 2 with Pomfret students.
8. Motion to adjourn (Adams/Paquette) All in favor
9. Next meeting November 14, 2019  
Respectfully submitted by Philippa Paquette