

Palmer Arboretum Minutes  
May 9, 2019

1. Call to order at 6:00 pm
2. Present: Bill Brower, Philippa Paquette, Nancy Adams, Jean Rocheleau  
Absent excused: Andy Krofina, Judith Gries. Absent unexcused: Chad Hart
3. Treasurer's Report: Balances remain the same as last month.  
Regular account: \$2,630.47 Friends of the Arboretum Account: \$3,529.39  
Mitch has mowed the parts of the Arboretum that are not flooded and has not yet submitted his bill which will come out of the regular account. Ben Young  
submitted his estimates for the materials and labor to replace the walkway:  
Chase Lumber \$2582.76 Labor: \$4,000 maximum .  
Jean is in contact with Rotary Club, that meets next week, to determine the amount of their donation to this restoration project.
4. New Business: a) Volunteer hours at Palmer Arboretum :  
April 6: 5 volunteers: 10 hours. April 9: 4 volunteers : 6 hours . One volunteer: 2 hours.  
April 25: 9 volunteers: 36 hours . 3 volunteers : 1 hour  
Need to document volunteer hours for Chad and Matt.  
Completed work: cardboard has been removed from Historical Society storage and spread on wetlands. Wood chips have been spread on cardboard.  
Daffodils have been dead headed and garlic mustard pulled from the bank.  
Willow tree has been pruned by powerful women!  
b) Chad has asked Jeff Paige to treat the hemlock and Jeff had agreed to do this for free. Yea Chad and Jeff! Bill will call Jeff about spraying the oaks and beech tree for gypsy moths. Matt has stabilized the walkway so that it is passable and can survive until it is replaced. (see later discussion)  
c) WA students activities: Rain Garden: Dig out dirt around drain and pile on tarp. Drag tarp to left entrance and build a sleeping policeman to direct rain flow. Dig out roses behind rain garden. Arrange rocks between yellow barriers and around basins. Pull out grass and hen bit around bench. Pull out garlic mustard. Dead head daffodils . Edge beds. Move remaining wood chips to cover cardboard. Edge and mulch bed to cover roots. Nancy and Philippa will monitor activities.  
d) Jean will contact Chad to discuss the removal of the split tree parts that endanger visitors to the Arboretum.  
e) Bill met with the selectmen and two members of the Finance Committee. He thought that the meeting was positive and that the members of the Finance Committee felt it was appropriate for the Arboretum to ask for funds from the end of the year contingency fund. Cindy Adams committed \$3,000 from the Recreation budget to rebuild the walkway. The Finance Committee is very concerned that the drainage issues at the Historical Society and Arboretum are resolved and do not become an annual concern. At this time there is no interest from the Historical Society in applying for the grant to repair their parking lot that was suggested by Dawn Adiletta. The Arboretum cannot apply for this grant.  
The Committee would like to continue to support the art competition at The Woodstock Academy around Arboretum focussed art and will provide financial prizes. Jean has access to some planters that will enhance the terrace for the wedding in June . We will schedule a workday at the arboretum before the wedding to maximize the beauty.
5. Other Business: Bill found the original sign for the Arboretum and has a friend who will repaint it in its original dark green and blueish green colors. Bill has a hose cart that he will assemble and donate to the Arboretum. Sansoucy quarreys has a matching stone for the path for \$151 and Ben will install it for about \$1,000 . This should prevent the washouts that

are occurring on the paths.  
adjourn 7;30: (Paquette/Rochelleau) All in Favor

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