**Walden Woods Conservancy**

**Committee Reports**

**October 2016**

**Community Garden:**

Nothing to report this month.

**Communications:**

We are about to make a plea for more residents to sign up for entices at [waldenwoodsctlegalnotices@gmail.com](mailto:waldenwoodsctlegalnotices@gmail.com)   Old and new directors: be sure to set the example and sign up.

**Documents:**

Comments from Atty. Perlstein have be received and reviewed.  Maps are currently being reviewed so they are in sync with his review. They will then be sent to surveyor for final update.

**Environmental:**

The Environmental Committee had its first Fall 2016 working meeting Sunday, October 16, 2016. The committee completed the following items. Thank you to all members who volunteered their personal time!

Trash pickup on all trails

Trash pickup inside spillway dam at Big Walden Pond

Staining of all trail sign posts

Removal and storage of trail sitting bench (bench to be re-stained over winter)

Trash pick-up around small Walden Pond.

Discussions of Big Walden Pond dredging (Board director John Boccuzzi will make copies of the pond depth map and discuss)

The last of the year Fall 2016 working meeting will take place sometime in mid-November.

**Meeting House**:

3 rentals currently scheduled. Holiday parties scheduled.

**Rec & Social Committee:**

Food and Coat Drive:

* Bags were distributed throughout the community the week of October 10 as a reminder and an easy way to help – just fill the bag with food for the Windsor Food Bank.
* Food and Coat Drive was held Saturday Oct 15 with a tremendous response from the community.
  + 13 volunteers gathered at the Pond Patio at 10:00.
  + Volunteers paired up into teams of two, were assigned a section of the community, and collected food and coats for their section.
  + Volunteers regrouped at the Pond Patio to consolidate donations into a smaller number of vehicles and then transport to the Windsor Food Bank.
  + One volunteer stayed behind at the Pond Patio in case community residents wanted to drop off donation checks for the Windsor Food Bank.
* Results:
  + 215 bags/boxes of food were collected.
  + 118 coats and fleece jackets were donated.
  + $130 in cash donations were also dropped off at the Pond Patio.
  + 5 SUV’s and cars were needed to transport all of the food to the Windsor Food Bank, where volunteers were on hand to receive the donations.  They were very grateful.

Calendar:

* Community participation in this event has waned over the last couple of years: less photos submitted, less sales made.
* For the effort to collect photos, jury and select pictures, produce the calendars, and then sell them, selling only 13 (last year’s volume) isn’t worth it.
* So, as beautiful as these calendars come out, we will not produce a calendar this year.
* We will allow for the possibility of restarting this in the future if community interest picks up.

Diwalhi Celebration:

* The team of ladies who organized this event are eager to take it on again this year.
* Date still TBD, although they are targeting early November.
* The team is currently working on nailing down the date so it can be posted to the Walden Woods Calendar and so that the community can be told of the event with enough notice.

Holiday Parties:

* Adult party is scheduled for Dec 3.  Children’s party is Dec 4.  Peter has noted these dates on the Walden Woods Calendar.
* The kids’ party will go from 2:00 to 4:00.  The Adult’s from 7:00 to 10:00.
* The same rental Santa as last year has been hired.  The kids loved him and he enjoyed doing the event.
* We may have enough money in this year’s budget to have the Adult Holiday party catered.  Both Dom’s and Bear’s were suggested.
* Final planning for these parties will take place at the November Rec & Social planning meeting.

Because the Diwalhi Celebration was such a success last year, we discussed other ethnicities in our community and pondered whether they too might like to host a party celebrating their heritage.  The idea would be for their groups to pull together on their own, plan something, and then present it to the Rec & Social Committee.  As with the Diwalhi Celebration, the idea would be for each ethnic group to take on the entire responsibility for their party.  An announcement to this effect will be sent to the community to see what kind of response there might be to this idea.

**Standards:**

Nothing to report this month.

**Welcome:**

Welcome Letters Sent: 1

1 Duplex (Owner)

Visits: 3

2 Duplex (Renters)

1 Village (Owner)

Visits to be Made: 7

2 Duplex (Owners)

3 Townhome (1 Owner; 2 Renters)

1 Village (Renter)

1 Woodmoor (Renter)