

## Property Coordinator Update July 5, 2016

First off, my apologies for not getting one of these out since the end of April. Woops. It's been a busy time in other parts of my life!

### **Use of the Buildings**

After a one year hiatus, Ed Swidey is returning with Summer on Stage, the children's theater group. This year will be a smaller version of previous years – only 2 weeks of ½ day classes (12-5pm) from July 11 through July 22. We are thrilled to have them back.

Southcoast Music Together is adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> class on Wednesday mornings just for the summer.

After a very busy spring and early summer of hall rentals for private parties, the only one currently on the calendar is for later in July. For several months there was something happening virtually every weekend, plus 2 NEYM Youth Retreats, the Westport Garden Club's annual plant sale, and AA's annual cookout.

### **Signage**

Thanks to Kevin Lee for shepherding the design, purchasing, and installation of the new sign along Main Road that was part of our Ministry & Counsel's Outreach Work Project with NEYM's Beth Collea. Kevin has also obtained signs with the building numbers through the Westport Fire Department that will be mounted along the stone wall. These will direct emergency personnel, in particular, to the correct building.

### **Meeting House Exterior Trim Painting**

Tony Martins' company will begin on Monday, July 25, 2016. This has been on Property Committee's radar screen for a couple of years.

### **Safety & Inspection Updates**

- The Community House kitchen passed the annual Health Department inspection in June.
- The 2 water tests since the installation of the water softener treatment have come back indicating the water in the Community House is potable. To my mind, this property improvement decision was well worth the cost.
- The annual inspection of all of the fire extinguishers is scheduled for this week.

### **Westport Historical Society's Summer Passport 2016**

This is a family friendly summer activity that directs participants to "eight of the most beautiful and interesting natural and historic spots in our town." Clues are given to hidden boxes at each site that contain unique passport stamps. Children who get all 8 stamps by the end of the summer can collect prizes. Westport Meeting is one of the 8 sites. You will have to follow the clues to find out where on the property the box is hidden, though! You can read more about the program here: <http://wpthistory.org/westport-summer-passport/>

### **Book Fair**

As I write this, the roll-off dumpster is being delivered, the tents are going up, the 6/\$1 books are being carried to the Meeting House, and the public is still coming by with donations of books. It is a very busy week!

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