

Wilmington Beautification Committee February 13, 2012

Committee Members Present:

Lee Schindel, Mary Wright, Kit Cincotta, Alice Greenspan, Katy Little, Fred Skwirut, Celia Weissman

Committee Members Absent: Len Chapman, Tom Consolino, Carlotta Gladding

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Lee.

Minutes

Fred moved to accept the minutes of the January 23 meeting. The motion was seconded by Alice and passed.

Barrels

Fred reported that of the 20 barrels lost during the flood, 6 were recovered. There are 3 new barrels at the transfer station, and 3 barrels have been donated leaving us 8 barrels short. Lee reported that Mary Pike Sprenger advised that there will be no increase in her cost this year, however, the cost of flowers will increase and Bemus requires an increase in the deposit for the plants. Lee also noted that Paul Meyers advised that it isn't necessary to prepare an RFP for Mary.

In addition to the cost of replacing the missing barrels, there is a onetime cost to set up new and recovered barrels. The cost of replacing the barrels is not covered by insurance. The committee voted last year to use funds from the sale of the pavers to cover costs not covered by insurance.

After discussing the options, the committee agreed to replace 7 or 8 barrels and relocate a few barrels. We also agreed that we liked the form of the barrels last year but would like slightly bolder colors.

Lee will work with Mary Pike Sprenger and Bemus to iron out details of the plant selection and the deposit.

River Bank Park Restoration

Fred reviewed a spreadsheet he prepared after meeting with Christine Richter which summarizes the estimated and actual restoration expenditures to date. Still outstanding are the cost to replace the cap on the railing covered by insurance (Eric Sprenger) and the cost of materials to rebuild the planters in the park and the bridge not covered by insurance (Fred and Lenny).

Accounting

Lee reported that she spoke to Tom Consolino regarding the procedures for tracking expenditures going forward. Celia will work with Tom, Lee, and Christine to determine and implement an efficient process.

Friends of River Bank Park

The committee agreed to postpone the presentation the Select Board until after the Town Meeting and installation of the new town manager.

The Village Workgroup

Mary reported on the activities of the Circulation Committee as well as some of the other committees researching economic development and restoration options. Nothing is final as the committees are still in the research phase and are awaiting results of the Army Corps of Engineers study.

South Main Street

Lee reported that Dick Joyce will survey the South Main Street property and work with Meg Streeter and Suzzie Haughwout to establish the boundaries.

Next Meeting

Monday February 27, at 8:30 am

Location: Library

Agenda

There being no further business, Alice moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman
Secretary