

Wilmington Beautification Committee

April 10, 2012

Committee Members Present:

Mary Wright, Len Chapman, Kit Cincotta, Carlotta Gladding, Katy Little, Scott Murphy, Fred Skwirut, Celia Weissman

Committee Members Absent: Lee Schindel, Alice Greenspan

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Mary.

Minutes/Treasurer Report

Carlotta moved to accept the minutes of the March 26 meeting. The motion was seconded by Fred and passed.

Celia reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The Unexpended Operating Balance is \$2,198.79 minus expenditures of approximately \$635 which have not yet been processed. Katy's mother donated \$400 which will be added to the capital fund.

Report on Meeting with Scott

Mary reiterated the process which should be followed by the committee when information or assistance is needed from town departments. The process is for all requests to go through Scott. This is a return to the procedures which were in place before the Town Manager position was vacant and before the flood and its aftermath.

Scott reported that he spoke with the town's insurance carrier and was advised that town employees are covered when placing barrels on private property as long as the work is done during working hours.

Mary and Lee will review the permission slips for barrels on private property and arrange for updated the authorization for those which have changed hands.

Mary advised that the committee will change meeting times or dates if Scott is unable to attend and will return to meeting in Town Hall as soon as possible. Scott advised that he will try to give 24 hours notice if a meeting needs to be changed.

Green Up To Recovery Day – April 28

Green Up to Recovery Day will combine the cleanup normally associated with Green Up Day with additional projects to clean up flood debris. It is likely that additional days will need to be scheduled for specific projects.

The town will arrange to pick up flood and construction debris and waive dumping fees for material left on the curb on Saturday. The Green Up to Recovery sub-committee is contacting businesses in the historic district. Ideally, owners will arrange to get the debris to the curb. We will try to get volunteers if assistance is needed, but owners or their agents must be on site.

Pickup is targeted for Monday, April 30, however it may take a couple of days to pick up everything.

Large, heavy duty garbage bags will be needed. Mary will check with Dave Rappaport to see if any are available.

Note: information is available on the website

http://volunteer.truist.com/chittenden/org/opp.aspx?agency_id=15491898

Additional Recovery/Cleanup Initiatives

The state is currently cleaning the sidewalks and streets on routes 9 and 100. It looks better already.

Scott reported that the tennis courts are being refurbished by the town's contractor. Work is in progress and should be completed within the month.

The recycle dumpsters will be moved to the old town garage property by the end of the month. The area will need to be spruced up a bit.

South Main Street

Len reported that Black Diamond is planning clean up the area next week. He will get the exact date and let Celia know. She will contact Deerfield Valley News to see if they can cover the cleanup.

Landscape Maintenance Contract

Fred will check with Stacey.

Summer Flower Program / Barrels

We will have the same number of barrels, 52, this year as last. Eight barrels are being repositioned. Suggested sites include Restland, Buzzy Towne Park, and the Historic Society. Mary will walk the village early to determine the exact placement and document on a map.

Len has 10 new and/or refurbished barrels. The barrels will need to be partially filled with screened soil and placed in the village. In the past, the town had soil available. Mary Pike Sprenger will prepare the barrels prior to planting the first week of June. Scott will check with Billy Hunt to find out if soil is available and if he prefers to have the empty barrels brought to the garage or placed in the village prior to being filled.

Len reported that he has completed the planter for the park and two of the bridge planters.

Restland

Scott advised that the jersey barriers will be removed. He spoke to Jim Burke, the Cemetery Commission is in favor of putting barrels and benches in/near Restland but will need to look at the recommended placements before formally approving.

FEMA

Scott reported that the FEMA subcommittees will present their recommendations for projects which need funding on May 2. FEMA has arranged for a tour of the village by funding sources and will “show the way” to apply for grants. Scott also reviewed the status of the two major FEMA projects.

Branch Out Burlington Tree Donation

Branch Out Burlington has offered to donate bare rooted trees to communities to aid in the flood recovery. Several possible sites were mentioned; River View Cemetery, Gateway Garden, Historic Society, etc. Mary advised that Lee had contacted them and was advised that trees would be available next year as well.

With all the recovery and improvement projects, we’re not sure we can tackle a tree planting project this year. Celia will contact the state to determine if trees can be planted at the Gateway Garden and if so do some research into what will be required to get them planted.

Scott will check with Jim Burke regarding the procedures for planting trees at River View Cemetery.

Next Meeting

Monday April 23, at 8:00 am

Location: Library

Agenda

Treasurer Report
Placement of Barrels
Landscape Contract
South Main Street
Restland
Tree Donation
Bursett property

There being no further business, Len moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Katy and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman
Secretary