

Wilmington Beautification Committee

April 22, 2013

Committee Members Present:

Lee Schindel, Mary Wright, Len Chapman, Carlotta Gladding, Alice Greenspan, Katy Little, Scott Murphy, Fred Skwirut, Celia Weissman

Committee Members Absent:

Kit Cincotta, Keith Herbert, Cheryl Rothman

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

Minutes

Fred moved to accept the minutes of the April 8 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary and passed.

Treasurers Report

Celia reported: The financial current month transaction reports are not available. Based on emails from Scott, \$4,000 was transferred from the "Plant Deposit Loan Fund" to the operating budget and the Rotary Club donated \$500 for Gateway. Going forward, there will no longer be a need for the loan fund since the \$4,000 pre-buy will be charged to the operating budget in the year it is incurred.

Unexpended Operating Balance: \$3,903.37.

Capital Balance: \$ 5,20788.

Summer Flower Program/Landscaping

Gateway Garden:

Lee reported

- VTrans approved the Gateway Garden Expansion. Scott advised that the Highway Department has a number of jobs scheduled the first week of May so the Gateway work will likely be done the second week.
- Soil: Highway Department will pick up 60 yards of soil donated by Marshall Boyd and 30 yards of compost from the town. Thirty yards of top soil will be purchased from West Brattleboro at \$35 per yard. Carlotta will contact Pete Wimmelman for mulch.
- Plants: Trees and shrubs have been ordered from Newfane Nursery except for one pine ordered from Walker. The order includes 2 Hydrangea Quick Fires for the tennis courts. We will likely need to purchase a few perennials to fill in.
- Volunteers from the Rotary will assist with the planting. Fred noted that Jim Burke and several others have also volunteered.
- Alice suggested that we add some type of structure, such as columns or flag poles with decorative banners behind the garden. The subcommittee will investigate.
- Estimated costs: Soil - \$1,050, trees and shrubs - \$1,500, plus mulch, perennials, and fertilizer.

Other gardens/sites:

We will handle maintenance as we did last year, each of us responsible for a site.

Trebbee – Katy

RBP – Lee & Alice
South Main Parking Lot – Carlotta
River View – Celia
Gateway - everyone

Beautification Buds

Kit is coordinating the buds. In her absence, Lee suggested that each of us responsible for a site find a buddy to assist us and bring their name to the next meeting.

Holiday/Seasonal Decorations

Alice advised that the large flag will hung from the Cady and Dugan building – Fred will install the hooks – for Memorial Day and Flag Day. The flag will be left up for the weekend while the Viet Nam Memorial Replica is on display.

Upcoming Dates

The Conway School Meeting: Tomorrow (April 23) at 5:00

Town Employee/Volunteer Communication Training: Wednesday April 24 at 5:30

Town Manager Update

- South Main Street parking lot: Scott is meeting with Billy Hunt later today and will have a rough design for the next meeting.
- RBP: awaiting results of inspection of pergola posts by Eric Sprenger
- Foot bridge & trail: The telephone pole between the Liquor Store and Quilt Shop will be ranchored on Wednesday. Work is beginning on the footings for the abutment and the bridge will be installed shortly thereafter. The bridge will be handicap accessible.
- The Parking Committee has received a grant for lighting and is working on the plan for the West Main Street lot.

Next Meeting

Monday May 13, at 8:00 am

Location: Town Hall

Agenda

Treasurers Report

Landscape

Town Manager Update

Please notify Lee of any additional items for the agenda.

There being no further business, Alice 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