

Wilmington Beautification Committee April 23, 2012

Committee Members Present:

Mary Wright, Len Chapman, Alice Greenspan, Scott Murphy, Fred Skwirut, Celia Weissman

Committee Members Absent: Lee Schindel, Kit Cincotta, Carlotta Gladding, Katy Little

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

Minutes

Len moved to accept the minutes of the April 10, meeting. The motion was seconded by Alice and passed.

Treasurers Report

Celia reported:

Unexpended Operating Balance: \$ 1,821.53.

Capital Balance: \$ 3,447.15, plus donations of \$450 pending confirmation. Celia will follow up.

Summer Flower Program/Landscaping

Barrels and Planters: Mary and Lee will determine the placement of barrels next week and provide a map at the next meeting. Screened soil is not available and will need to be purchased. Scott will check with Billy when he returns from vacation to see if he wants to purchase it and bill Beautification operating account or if he wants it purchased and delivered. Scott will also check to see if Billy wants to have the new barrels delivered to town garage to be filled or set out and to be filled in place.

Fred advised that there are 3 additional barrels available. Len advised that he has completed 2 planters for the bridge and will make 2 more.

Restland: Scott reported that the jersey barriers have been removed and the area outside the fence tidied up. The Cemetery Committee approved placing barrels and bench(es) outside the fence.

Historical Society: Len reported that the Historical Society wants to be sure barrels don't impede mowing. They will determine if and where barrels can be placed.

South Main Street: Black Diamond completed their cleanup last week. The site looks much better, it just needs to be raked, etc. Celia circulated before and after pictures and reported that a thank you letter was sent from the town to Black Diamond. A thank you letter and before and after pictures were also sent to DVN.

American Meadows – Replant Wilmington

Some daffodils and tulips which were planted last fall are blooming, others are up but not blooming. It appears that the success rate of the bulbs may be low, but we won't know for sure for another week or so.

Town Manager Update

Scott reported that the new fence is up at the tennis courts. When the weather warms up the surface will be replaced. A sign noting the operating hours will be posted.

The recycle dumpsters will be moved within a week or two. The area will be cleaned up and smoothed out but not paved. It was suggested that small concrete curbs be installed to control parking. After the cleanup, we'll look at the area to see if it might benefit from some landscaping in the future.

FEMA has approved purchase of the Brissette property which is now working its way through the funding process. There is no estimated time frame, however, isn't likely that it will be officially turned over to the town before next year. Scott doesn't know when the building will be demolished.

Tree Donation

Celia reported that she's been in contact with VTrans regarding planting trees at the Gateway Garden and is awaiting a return call from Rob Faley. If the state approves planting trees, we will need to determine the cost and then can decide if we want to proceed this year, next year, or not at all.

Greenup / Cleanup Day

Mary reported that the state will provide a dumpster for river debris but she does not know when it will be delivered or where it will be located. She referred the state representative to Scott. WBC purchased heavy duty garbage bags which will be available for business and others who need them. Mary is working with Kathy Larsen to coordinate the effort.

Next Meeting

The 4th Monday is Memorial Day, therefore, the meeting dates for next month will be 1st and 3rd Mondays, May 7 and 21.

Monday May 14, at 8:00 am

Location: Library

Agenda

Summer Flowers/Landscaping (barrels, Restland, Historical Society, South Main Street)

Landscape Contract

Tree Donation

Cleanup Activities

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman
Secretary