

## **Wilmington Beautification Committee**

### **May 7, 2012**

#### **Committee Members Present:**

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Scott Murphy

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

#### **Minutes**

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

#### **Treasurers Report**

Celia reported:

Unexpended Operating Balance: \$ 1,821.53. Pending expenditures of \$304 - winter decorations and garbage bags.

Capital Balance: \$ 3,847.15. Plus a donation of \$50 pending confirmation. Celia will follow up.

#### **Summer Flower Program/Landscaping**

Barrels and Planters: Lee and Mary walked through the village and determined the locations for the barrels. Lee circulated the list. Two locations have not been confirmed, Lee will follow up with Family Dollar and Mary will follow up with the Wilmington Fund for the Parmalee and Howe building.

Mary Pike Sprenger suggested that the plants be delivered on June 7 to be planted the weekend of June 9. The committee agreed. She would like the barrels positioned and prefilled with screened soil by this weekend (May 12) so she can add the soil amenities. Lee has access to loam which can be picked up by the highway department if needed. Len will place the 11 new and refurbished barrels. Several barrels are in storage at the town garage and several will need to be moved from their current locations. Lee will follow up with Scott for scheduling.

#### Landscaping Contract:

Lee will contact Shelly Suponski to see if she's interested in the contract.

Note: subsequent to the meeting, Shelly advised that she is not able to bid.

#### River Bank Park:

The grass needs to be mowed. Lee will follow up with Scott to see if Brandon will be assigned as he was last year. Adam Buursma will remove guide wires from the crab apple trees.

Lee suggested that Virginia Creeper rather than Akebia be planted to replace the wisteria as it does not need to be trained and will require less maintenance. The committee agreed. Lee reported that she had filled in areas where the soil had washed out with loam donated by a

neighbor. She planted donated geraniums and will contact Adam for replacement Clethra. Carlotta will seed bare spots in the grass area.

Len reported that Joseph Cincotta recommended capping the pergola support beams with a copper cap to prevent deterioration. Len will investigate further. He will also see if Eric has a tentative time for installing the railing cap.

#### South Main Street:

The river bank at South Main Street was cleaned up on Green Up Day. Lee planted several Hydrangeas. A suggestion was made that daffodils be planted in the fall. There was a discussion of a name for the area, South Main Street Garden, Village Vista, Bridge View, River View and several others were suggested. Selection of a name will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

#### Gateway Garden:

Adam Buursma has offered to fertilize the garden at no cost. Celia reported that she spoke to Rob Faley at VT Trans regarding planting trees. He thinks trees might be a good addition to the site. Rob advised that it requires a permit, including the number and type of trees, a drawing of the proposed location and a site visit. The permit is good for one year but can be extended.

In addition to planting trees, several other suggestions for the site have been made during the past year; expand the current garden, add a second garden, install a welcome sign, etc. Mary suggested that before applying for a permit and meeting with the state, a subcommittee be formed to research the type and cost of planting trees as well as other alternatives for the site so they can be discussed with Rob during the site visit. The committee can then come up with a recommendation to the Select Board for long and short term enhancements to the site.

Lee appointed Celia (Chair), Alice and Lee to the subcommittee.

#### American Meadows – Replant Wilmington

Tulips and daffodils are blooming and day lilies have sprouted all over Wilmington thanks to the American Meadows donation of bulbs and plants. Kit will draft a letter to Amanda Shepard of American Meadows and include several pictures. Celia has pictures of daffodils taken last week, Kit will take some pictures of tulips this week.

#### **River Clean Up**

Mary reported that the State of Vermont is coordinating volunteers to clean up flood debris from the rivers. Numerous regulations and procedures must be followed. She suggested that discussion of Wilmington's participation be tabled until the next meeting which Scott is able to attend.

#### **Anne O'Sullivan Memorial**

The memorial service for Anne O'Sullivan will be held at the White House on Saturday, May 12. Several members indicated that they will attend. Lee will forward information concerning the service.

#### **Town Manager Update**

No report, Scott was not present.

**Next Meeting**

Monday May 21, at 8:00 am

Location: Library

**Agenda**

Summer Flower Program/Landscape: Maintenance Contract, Gateway Garden, Barrel Update,  
Name for South Main Street River Bank  
River Cleanup

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman  
Secretary