

## **Wilmington Beautification Committee June 25, 2012**

### **Committee Members Present:**

Lee Schindel, Mary Wright, Len Chapman, Kit Cincotta, Alice Greenspan, Scott Murphy, Cheryl Rothman, Celia Weissman

**Committee Members Absent:** Carlotta Gladding, Katy Little, Fred Skwirut

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

### **Minutes**

Mary moved to accept the minutes of the June 11 meeting. The motion was seconded by Cheryl and passed.

### **Treasurers Report**

Celia reported:

Unexpended Operating Balance: \$ 1614.16 minus pending items totaling approximately 1,324.99, approximately \$289.17 is available.

a) One of the pending items is the \$1,000 for the trees for the new parking lot. Celia will follow up with Christine tomorrow to be sure \$1,000 of the total bill is applied to the Beautification budget.

Capital Balance: \$ 3,899.09

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

Barrels and Planters: The barrels and planters look good. One or two need to be shimmed, and one window box on the Chamber needs to be adjusted. Len will take care of them.

Rivers Edge: Lee, Celia and their husbands did some cleanup last week. A number of dogwood shrubs, a crabapple, and numerous flowering plants were found. The area will need a good deal of work this year and next to keep on top of the weeds, but is coming along beautifully.

Gateway Garden: Mary has been weeding, but they're gaining ground. Cheryl will assist.

Trebe: Looking good

South Street Parking Lot: Looking good

### **Chamber Kiosk**

The Chamber is maintaining the kiosk at the west entrance to town. Scott advised that the land is state owned, but that the town will gravel a parking area. We need to think about what other landscaping is needed.

### **FEMA Subcommittees**

Parking Lot: Wood for the boardwalk has been delivered. The walk will be installed today. Adam Buursma will be delivering and planting 11 birch trees within the next couple of days. Carolyn Palmer asked if Beautification can assist with planting some donated willows after the birches have been planted. Kit will check with Keith.

Lee reported that the Parking Committee asked her if the Beautification Committee would cosponsor their grant application. Lee agreed and Celia provided the FY12 operating budget.

Benches: Benches have been purchased and several have been installed. Business owners who have agreed to have benches installed may donate \$75 towards the purchase price.

Lighting: Mary reported that Cliff Duncan is working on a comprehensive plan for lighting in the historic village. She suggested that we contact Cliff to discuss and coordinate lighting at River Bank Park. The plan submitted by Dale Doucette may not compliment the village lighting and may need to be modified for a unified look. Lee appointed Len (Chair) and Fred to a subcommittee to work with Cliff and Dale.

### **Town Manager Update**

The recycle dumpsters have been moved. They are across the street behind the fair building. The area needs to be graded and cleaned up a little. Once that's done, the committee can assess the landscaping needs.

The state has issued permits to repair the foundation at the Cady and Finnegan buildings, fill in the whirlpool and remove the dam which resulted from Irene. The town is assisting the building owners to secure funds for the repairs.

Work is progressing on Town Hall, they expect to return late in July.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the committee will cancel two meetings this summer, July 23 and August 13. The next meeting will be July 9. The RBP Lighting subcommittee and the Gateway Garden subcommittee will continue to meet and report at the August 27 meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

Monday July 9, at 8:00 am

Location: Library

### **Agenda**

Treasurers Report

Summer Flower Program/Landscape: Gateway Garden, River Bank Park, Trebbe, River's Edge, South Main Parking Lot

Lighting Subcommittee – Len

Gateway Subcommittee – Celia

FEMA Subcommittees

Town Manager Update

Please notify Lee of any additional items for the agenda.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman  
Secretary