

## **Wilmington Beautification Committee July 9, 2012**

### **Committee Members Present:**

Lee Schindel, Mary Wright, Len Chapman, Alice Greenspan, Katy Little, Cheryl Rothman, Fred Skwirut, Celia Weissman

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Tom Consolino, Kit Cincotta, Carlotta Gladding

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

### **Minutes**

Cheryl moved to accept the minutes of June 26, Alice seconded. The minutes were accepted.

### **Treasurers Report**

Celia reported: The year-end reports are not yet available as Christine is balancing the ledger. When the reports are available, Celia will compile the treasurers report and distribute via email.

Unofficial Unexpended Operating Balance FY12: \$79.00.

Unofficial Unexpended Operating Balance FY13: \$1,600.00

Unofficial Capital Balance: \$ 3,899.09

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

Barrels and Planters: Barrels and Planters have filled in and look great.

#### Landscaping:

RBP – Lee and Alice have weeded and are watering regularly.

Trebbee – Katy has weeded and watered the lilies

Parking Lot – Carlotta removed the large weeds before she left for July and August. Celia applied RoundUp to the small weeds and will continue to monitor.

Gateway – Mary and Celia weeded, a little more needs to be done, but it's under control.

### **Lighting**

Len reported that he met with Cliff Duncan. The Historic Village Lighting Subcommittee is looking into obtaining a grant for old fashioned replica lights on telephone poles throughout the village including one on the pole near the River Bank Park. Beyond that, there are no specific plans for lighting the park. Len suggested that before taking any further action, we wait to see what happens with the village lighting initiative.

### **Gateway Subcommittee Report**

Celia reported that the subcommittee (Lee, Alice, and Celia) met with Joe Eck and Maryann McLeod to discuss long term plans for the garden. Joe feels that the scale of the garden is too small and recommends replacing the entire garden with a grove of evergreens and lilacs at a very substantial cost. The subcommittee has not meet since the meeting with Joe and Maryann. After some discussion, the consensus of the committee is that spending a large amount of money on a garden isn't practical and while we would like to enhance and enlarge the garden there are other areas in to the village, such as the Trebbe/Tennis Courts, which may be a higher priority.

Cheryl mentioned that the Rotary may have money allocated for landscaping at the tennis courts. Lee asked Cheryl to join the subcommittee, which will be expanded to include the Trebbe/Tennis Court area as well as Gateway. Cheryl agreed and will follow up with the Rotary. Before recommendations can be made, we will need to know what the town plans are for the area. The subcommittee will follow up with Scott.

### **West Main Street Parking Lot**

Lee reported that the Parking Subcommittee is still working on preparing the berm and they will let us know when they need our assistance in planting. She advised that Carolyn Palmer asked her to coordinate a non-Beautification initiative to plant hosta in the parking lot next to Fennessy's on Monday July 16. She asked for volunteers, Katy, Cheryl, Mary, and Celia volunteered. Lee will also contact the chamber.

### **River Bank Park – Holiday Decorations**

Celia noted the lack of Memorial Day and other holiday decorations in the park and suggested that some type of display, such as a group of flags in the planter(s) might be appropriate. After some discussion the committee agreed that we should have a comprehensive plan for holiday/seasonal decorations for the park. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Town Manager Update**

Scott was not present.

### **Next Meeting**

The committee reconsidered the decision to cancel the July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> meetings and decided instead to meet on August 13 and cancel the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lee will notify Mary Towne to warn the meeting on August 13 and cancel the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Monday August 13, at 8:00 am

Location: Library

### **Agenda**

Treasurers Report

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

Gateway/Trebbe/Tennis Court subcommittee

RBP – Holiday/Seasonal Decorations

Town Manager Update

Katy moved the meeting be adjourned , Alice seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman

Secretary