

Wilmington Beautification Committee October 22, 2012

Committee Members Present:

Lee Schindel, Mary Wright, Len Chapman, Kit Cincotta, Carlotta Gladding, Katy Little, Scott Murphy, Cheryl Rothman, Fred Skwirut, Celia Weissman

Committee Members Absent:

Alice Greenspan

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

Minutes

Cheryl moved to accept the minutes of the September 24 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary and passed. Cheryl moved to accept the minutes of the October 9 meeting. The motion was seconded by Len and passed.

Treasurers Report

Celia reported:

Unexpended Operating Balance: \$5,698.07. Pending expenditures of \$140.

Capital Balance: \$9,194.36.

Holiday/Seasonal Decorations

Alice and Len decorated River Bank Park with a fall theme. The decorations are very festive and feedback has been positive. Thanks, Alice and Len.

Len reported that he researched lights for the pergola and bridge. Home Depot has 30' strands of LEDs guaranteed for 3 years for \$11 or \$25 guaranteed for 7 years. Both are available in cool white (bluish) and warm white. It also has 100' strands of incandescents guaranteed for 2 years at \$15. Committee members will stop by Home Depot to compare and a decision will be made at the next meeting. Cheryl will also check pricing at Costco.

Fred advised that a 4' x 6' American flag to be displayed on the Cady and Dugan building was donated and will be available to be displayed on Veteran's Day. He will hang the flag.

Landscape Subcommittee

Trebee/Tennis Courts – Scott advised that the Highway department will remove the pavement on the Tennis Court level within the next few weeks. They will also obtain and install topsoil and grass seed. Material costs will be charged to the Highway Department. Lee noted that there is a huge pile of topsoil near the soccer field. Scott advised that it belongs to the school for restoring fields and they don't anticipate any will be left over, but he will check with the school just in case.

Gateway – Celia reported that the subcommittee met at the garden and reviewed two alternative concepts. She circulated drawings of the recommended concept. The concept calls for a 110' x 15' addition behind and extending the sides the garden. The background will be planted with trees and large shrubs with smaller plants at either end. The ends will be rounded so when approached from Jacksonville and Wilmington it will appear to be of the front of the garden. Some flowers and shrubs can be transplanted from the existing garden to the extension. Before a

detailed plan is prepared, the concept will need to be approved by the committee and by the state. Cheryl made a motion to approve the concept. The motion was seconded by Carlotta and passed. Celia will contact VTrans to arrange a site visit.

Summer Flower Program/Landscaping

Barrels and Planters: Lee will prepare a list of barrels to be removed (including the Chamber's) and provide it the Bill Hunt.

South Main Street: Lee has some leftover bulbs which can be planted at River's Edge. Lee and Celia will plant them and do some pruning.

Town Manager Update

Scott provided an update on the Downtown Designation. He advised that a volunteer board of directors comprised of Wilmington business owners, Chamber members, and a few individuals from outside of Wilmington (Haystack/Hermitage, Mt Snow, etc) will be formed. The application is in the works and should be submitted to the state by February. Once approved, the committee will focus on downtown activities such as festivals, etc. WBC may work with the committee in an advisory role if requested, but will continue to be an official town committee.

Next Meeting

Monday November 12, at 8:00 am

Location: Town Hall

Agenda

Treasurers Report

2014 Budget

Landscape Subcommittee

Town Manager Update

Please notify Lee of any additional items for the agenda.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman

Secretary