

WILMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

June 26, 2023

Committee Members Present: Anne Saracino (chairing for Cheryl Rothman), Adele Mattern, Bev Butler, Elaine Ahnell, Kathleen Comeau

Meeting called to order by Anne at 8:15 a.m.

Visitors, Public Comments: none

Approved Minutes: Minutes from March 13 and April 10, 2023, could not be approved at this time as all were not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: None at this time.

Landscape Committee: The committee is waiting to have conversations with Alice which have not occurred to date. Adele is planning to do Dixon weeding with Alice. The Pergola has been the job of Craid, Adele and Alice which will continue. There may be a need for some major cutting there

Barrel Program: Members commented on the attractiveness of salvia in the center of the barrels this year vs the papyrus last year. Adele mentioned how beautiful the Brattleboro barrels are with petunias and that we should consider at some point, but Beth said depending on the petunia's the deadheading can require too much maintenance.

Schedule of Bunting Removal: Members will meet at on Monday, July 10, at 8 a.m. at Memorial Hall to start bunting removal. From there (9 a.m. ?) move on to Gateway for further weeding.

Town Manager Report: None. Members would like Scott to attend a meeting to address concerns regarding garden maintenance. Several of the gardens need some major cleanup, trimming (Gateway) and consideration should be given to possibly giving up a couple and replacing with barrels in the future.

Next Meeting: Will be a working meeting on Monday, July 10, at 8:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall.

Adjourn Motion: Bev

Second: Anne

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Comeau

Addendum: Several members met at Gateway on June 28 to continue with the weeding. They were joined by Keith Herbert and Nick Jones who started some of the heavier trimming. Members have agreed to commit on their own to an hour a week to weed Gateway.