

WILMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

September 11, 2023

Committee Members Present: Cheryl Rothman, Anne Saracino, Bev Butler, Elaine Ahnell, Kathleen Comeau

Meeting called to order by Cheryl at 8:05 a.m.

Visitors, Public Comments: none

Approved Minutes: Minutes from March 13, April 10 and June 26, 2023, were all approved.

Treasurer's Report: None at this time.

Landscape Committee: Members agreed to a working meeting at Gateway on Monday, October 2, at 9:00 a.m. when Adele will have returned. Cheryl will look through papers she has in the meantime to see if she can find any plant maps for Gateway. Cheryl has asked Keith to burn edges and weed whack the grass.

Cheryl was contacted by Mary Roberts who sent her a video on Japanese Knotweed. Mary is very concerned about this invasive species taking over in different locations and feels strongly that it should be eradicated. Apparently Round Up works but the committee voted years ago not to use on public lands because it is so toxic. Discussion was had as to best handle with herbicides or? Apparently just cutting it will not work. Cheryl will talk to Scott.

Barrel Program: What should we add to the barrels next year for color? No firm decision was made. The locations of barrels was discussed. The flagpole by the Safety Building now has three barrels which is too crowded, consider moving two barrels from the park and South Main. Discussion on where to move resulted in: 1) 76 E. Main Street, which has requested, 2) Starfire Bakery and 3) A1 Coffee. All would have to sign the contract that they maintain. With regard to Starfire and A1 Cheryl will have to check with Mary as she has a three year contract and this would add distance to her drive. If she agrees both businesses would need to be asked and then agree to sign the contract. Members agreed that the barrel added in front of the Molly Stark statue looks nice. Trebbi is overgrown and Anne talked about going over to cut. The committee agreed to keep the two barrels at that location as well as those on Route 100.

Schedule of Bunting Removal: The buntings at Memorial Hall still need to be removed but it has been too wet to accomplish that. Anne recommended that two or more new buntings be ordered.

Town Manager Report: None.

Next Meeting: Working meeting October 2 at Gateway. There will be no meeting on October 9 due to the holiday. The last meeting in October will be on October 23.

Adjourn Motion: Bev

Second: Cheryl

In Favor: 5

Opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Comeau