

## WILMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

April 8, 2024

**Committee Members Present:** Cheryl Rothman, Anne Saracino, Bev Butler, and Kathleen Comeau. Alice Greenspan joined the meeting by phone. Scott Tucker and Stephanie Zumbruski were also in attendance.

**The meeting was opened by Scott Tucker and called to order** by Cheryl at 8:10 a.m. followed by nominations.

**Reorganization:** There was a call for nominations with: A motion for Cheryl for Chair by Bev, seconded by Anne, all in favor. Scott then turned the meeting over to Cheryl. The following motions: Anne as Vice Chair by Kathleen, seconded by Bev, all in favor; Kathleen as Clerk by Anne, seconded by Bev, all in favor. Anne asked Scott if he had received a letter from Laura Powers yet for consideration to add her to the Committee. To date, he has not.

**Visitors, Public Comments:** none

**Approved Minutes:** There was a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024, by Alice, seconded by Anne and all in favor.

**Future Meetings:** It was agreed to continue with the current schedule of meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 8:00 a.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** None at this time. Cheryl stated there doesn't appear to be a need for a Treasurer at this point. There is money in the capital account from selling bricks that has not been used for Riverbank Park yet. Should there be an investment in lights? If so, an electrical outlet is needed. Stephanie mentioned solar, Bev mentioned the bigger lights she has on her awning which last longer and then only require individual bulbs to be changed out. Both suggestions would help eliminate the annual expenditure on replacing the current lights used. It was also suggested that if the bigger lights were used then bigger berries should also be used to complete the look. Scott seemed to think solar was a good idea but is leaving the decision up to the committee. Cheryl will bring it up at the next Wilmington Works meeting she attends. Scott said regardless of the decision Cheryl should reach out to Jessica for an electrician for the outlet. The committee left it as they will plan in June to further discuss with a decision needed before November 11.

**Landscape Committee:** The committee will meet at Gateway for the next meeting unless it is determined it is still too muddy. Alice reminded the committee that working on the soft ground will cause damage. Anne and Cheryl tentatively planned to take the lights down from the bridge on April 9. The Dixon parking lot needs cutting down of the grasses, etc., which Cheryl plans to do and will let others know when.

**Barrel Program:** Stephanie Zumbuski was introduced. She has brought all the hangers to Martin. She has ordered all the flowers and with her team of 9 is ready to get the barrels up and going. The barrels should go out the third week in May (probably the 13<sup>th</sup>) with the first week in June for planting, although Stephanie will pay attention to the full moon. Cheryl plans to share more information with Stephanie on plant numbers that she has from Mary's paperwork. There is money in the operating account. Barrels are approximately \$60 each but there are no current plans to replace the two barrels on Rt 100 that were damaged. Cheryl will reach out to Marshall as he may have an employee that can do the false bottoms for the barrels as sadly Fred who used to do them has passed away.

**Town Manager Report:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** Working meeting April 22 at Gateway.

**Adjourn Motion:** Bev

**Second:** Kathleen

**All in Favor**

**Opposed:** 0

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Comeau