

WILMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

May 13, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 8:05 a.m.

Visitors, Public Comments: none

New Member: Tanya Powling was in attendance and will be added to the May 21st Select Board agenda for her approval to the committee. Tanya was advised to be there for 6:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes: There was a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2024, by Anne and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: None at this time as there are no expenses.

Landscape Committee: The committee will meet at Gateway on June 3 at 8:00 for a working meeting. Work needs to be done at River Bank Park, Trebbe and Dixon. The tennis courts are being refinished by Trebbe for a pickleball court which may or may not impact working around there. The Dixon parking lot grasses need cutting along with cleaning up the area and deciding if new plantings need to be done.

Buntings: The buntings are ready to be picked up at Cheryl's barn. One of the containers has three little ones for Memorial Hall. More ropes need to be purchased from WW. The plan is to hang them on May 20th at 9:00 a.m. and remove them July 8. The Chamber and Bartleby's do their own. We have plenty so we may be able to do Reardon and both sides of the bridge downtown.

Committee for Winter Decorations: Cheryl recommended that a committee be created to be in charge of planning and purchasing winter decorations. She elected Elaine to spearhead this. The conversation started at the last meeting about lights continued with looking into the solar at Home Depot that Stephanie had mentioned. Taking a look at True Value online will indicate what can be purchased at WW. We may need to find someone professionally to help put up the lights where needed. Martin can indicate what kind of roping, the pricing and where to order additional. Sheila Osler still plans to do what she usually does in town. Jessica can supply the name of an electrician that the town uses if that is needed as well. Once a plan is in place for purchases, Jessica can put together an RFP and submit for approval. Cheryl has plenty of trees on her property if it is decided to add branches to the decorations. The final plan needs to be in place by July with decorating being done the second Monday in December.

Barrel Program: Stephanie contacted Cheryl with regard to planting the barrels by Memorial weekend. The committee decided to have her hold off a week until it is determined there will be no frost. May 23rd is the date of the full moon. A clear sky will indicate holding off for a few days while a cloudy sky usually means temperatures will be warm enough to plant and be free of frost. Marshall has gotten the barrels out, dirt was removed, false bottoms were done with drainage holes and Stephanie has done an amazing job getting them ready.

The General Store by the Cup & Saucer is being turned into affordable housing. There are two barrels there that we need to decide where to place. Bev will check out the barrel that is currently at Fat City.

Elaine shared information on a Native Plantings program that will be on Sunday, June 9, 1:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall. Kathleen offered to share the information via email to the Committee.

Town Manager Report: None

Old Business: None

Next Meeting: Working meeting June 3 at Gateway.

Adjourn Motion: Anne

Second: Elaine

All in Favor

Opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Comeau
