

WILMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

March 24, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 8:09 a.m.

Visitors, Public Comments: None

Approved Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2024, by Bev, seconded by Anne, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: None

Winter Decorations: The Committee agreed to remove the winter decorations on Monday, March 31, at 9:00 a.m. Cheryl will coordinate with the town road crew to pick up the winter decorations once they are removed. The Committee will try to save some materials for next year. Cheryl will bring bags for storage and bags for materials that will go to the dump as well as the boxes with the reels to store any of the lights that are still working. Keith will try to be there with a ladder to remove lights.

Landscape Program:

Stephanie has the hanging baskets in her garage that will go to Martin for planting. All the flowers have been ordered and contracts are done.

Gateway had no fall cleanup and the Committee continued the discussion from the October meeting of thinning out the plants and donating to a nonprofit planning to have a plant sale. Keith confirmed that there is still a pile of mulch there that can be used.

The grasses at Dixon have taken over. Cheryl will plan to put this on the agenda for the April 14th meeting with the anticipation of having Marshall Dicks attend. There was agreement that equipment would be needed to dig out the grasses. The objective would be to just rock the area and put a small barrel. For now Keith will plan to weed whack the area. The Committee needs a new lead on Dixon now that Alice is not around, possibly Adele? Alice may be available to help with Gateway.

May 5 at 10:00 a.m. is the planned date for bunting. Cheryl will talk to Scott about working to open the stuck windows at Memorial. American Legion may pay for the buntings that are needed with 3 small at Memorial and another 6 regular size. A new U.S. flag may also be needed for the pergola as the current is tattered. Cheryl will check as there may be another stored that is in good condition.

Old Business: There was discussion again of anyone knowing someone who would be interested in joining the Committee. Bev offered that she may have someone and will follow up on that.

Barrel Program:

Cheryl will have a new list with updated names for the April 14th meeting. Five new barrels are needed. The pricing at Tractor Supply is \$65 each and Home Depot has them at \$75 each. Cheryl will check other sources. The road crew will do the false bottoms. The hope is that Marshall will attend the April 14th meeting to discuss the issues from last year.

Town Manager Report: None

Next Meeting: A working meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 9:00 to remove winter decorations to be followed by the April 14th meeting which will include discussions on reorganization as a Treasurer is needed as well as one more new member.

Adjourn Motion: Bev

Second: Keith

All in Favor

Opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Comeau