

WILMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

April 14, 2025

Committee Members Present: Cheryl Rothman, Anne Saracino, Elaine Ahnell, Keith Herbert. Kathleen Comeau joined remotely.

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 8:02.

Visitors, Public Comments: Marshall Dix and Jessica Archambaul joined the meeting.

Board Reorganization: Cheryl was elected Chair by Anne and seconded by Keith. Anne was elected Vice Chair by Cheryl and seconded by Keith. Kathleen was elected Treasurer and Secretary by Cheryl and seconded by Anne. It was confirmed that the meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Approved Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2025, by Elaine, seconded by Anne, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The operating account is currently \$1,464.77. Cheryl was not sure of the balance in the capital account but it is possibly not necessary at this point.

Winter Decorations: The Committee planned to remove the winter decorations after the meeting. Marshall plans to meet them to take the trash bags to the dump. Elaine has saved some of the berries and balls, possibly more will be found to be in good condition once they do the removal. Cheryl has some unused balls left in her garage. The amount of \$225 spent for 2024 may be reduced with reusing. Elaine will call Martin at Jamaica Gardens to discuss the order for this year and put it in as early as possible. The cost of roping, wreaths and bows last year was \$191.00 and the lights from WW were \$328.90. The cost of the electrician was \$393.71 with the work done in time for the holidays. Cheryl will email Sheila Osler and cc Elaine to see what she needs so Elaine can ask Martin if he can supply Sheila as well. Elaine also brought up the idea of uplighting, but we were informed that zoning doesn't allow it.

Landscape Program: Dixon area on South Main was discussed with Marshall agreeing to clean out the middle area. Adele and Alice had tried at one point but it's too overgrown. Discussion led to the decision to have it replaced with stones and a barrel with the two other sections having the perennials stay and be maintained. Cheryl will talk to Stephanie Poule after Jessica confirms who owns the property there by 19 South Main so a determination can be made on maintenance. Currently there are two barrels there.

We don't own the property on West Main but there are perennials that were planted up in the berm area by Committee members years back. Marshall would like to mow and clean up. It was agreed that the Committee members will visit after the first meeting on June 9 and mark the perennials with stakes/flags so that Marshall can work around those when cleaning up. Possibly some plantings from Gateway can be moved. Elaine mentioned moving towards

pollinator perennials that support the bee and butterfly populations. Marshall suggested possibly putting in raised flower beds in the back for further clean up and a more visibly pleasing look. Marshall will plan to join the Committee on June 9.

The date for bunting will now be May 6 instead of the 5th. The buntings are down at Memorial. New buntings are being ordered by Cheryl to replace the ones not in good condition. There will be no new locations.

Barrel Program: Tractor Supply has barrels on sale for \$55. Cheryl had planned on ordering 5. Marshall suggested ordering what they have, which was 9 the other day, to have extras on hand as they sometimes break when moved. Cheryl will call Christine to check on funds available and then order what she can. The barrels will be picked up and dropped at the firehouse for the false bottoms to be done. Cheryl will get the updated list with 911 addresses to Marshall. Marshall has an app that can be used to take pictures of the barrel placements and label the pictures. He has a contact that can then create a map which is easy to update and can be referred to for barrel placement. Cheryl will contact Valley Craft Ales to discuss moving their barrels to the old Wilmington Pizza location. The barrels need to have the dirt removed and replaced, as cigarette butts were tossed in them over the winter, whether they stay at Valley Craft or are moved. There will be one barrel instead of two at Trevi.

Town Manager Report: None

Old Business: Anne confirmed that the potential new Committee member is working on her letter to submit which needs to be sent to Scott so he can put it on the agenda for the May 6 meeting.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2025.

Adjourn Motion: Elaine

Second: Keith

All in Favor

Opposed: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Comeau