

WILMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

June 9, 2025

Committee Members Present: Cheryl Rothman, Bev Butler, Kathleen Comeau, Tanya Powling and Keith Herbert.

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 8:00 a.m.

Visitors, Public Comments: None

Approved Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2025, by Bev, seconded by Keith, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The Capital account used for Riverbank has a balance of \$3605.91. Cheryl plans to reach out to the electrician regarding the electrical wires still not buried at Riverbank. The Operating Account has a balance of \$1903.43 after the purchase of nine barrels. Members agreed that using the funds now to purchase the holiday decorations (lights/balls) would be a good use of the funds. Cheryl will contact Elaine to discuss what was ordered last year.

Landscape Program:

Members will meet on June 23 to work at Gateway. Tanya has done some pruning already. Keith will take a look to determine the amount of pruning needed with the deadwood and overgrowth when he weed whacks this week. Keith will advise if he thinks it is enough work at this point that someone should be hired. Anne plans to do rocks for marking the garden with each individual's area.

Keith has weed whacked the property next to 19 South Main but finds that the rest is being reclaimed by nature. Because not many people see this area, he doesn't feel a lot of time should be spent on it. He will continue to weed whack. There is a canoe there that Keith thinks is to keep people away from the gap in the fence. Cheryl will talk to Marshall again about this area.

The crab tree outside the old Red Fox building was brought up again. The owner would still like to cut it down. Keith recommends it be pruned as it is attractive during the time it blooms. He will plan to do that if the tree is still there in the fall.

Cheryl took a look at the West Main Street berm and emailed Marshall as to what he wants to do there now that there are just some hostas and daylilies but all else is gone.

Members plan to meet at Riverbank on July 7 at 9:00 a.m. to work taking the bunting down.

Barrel Program: There was a discrepancy in the count of the barrels with Stephanie that resulted in her not ordering enough plants as she had 9 less barrels than the contract stated. The contract calls for 62 large and 23 small. We have a barrel for Fat City which Cheryl has left up to Stefanie to handle. The downtown barrels that run from Starfire Bakery to 1836 as well as the Baptist church now all look the same. The barrels at WW do not have salvia because of the discrepancy in count.

Town Manager Report: None

Next Meeting: A working meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025, at Gateway.

Adjourn Motion: Bev

Second: Keith

All in Favor

Opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Comeau