

## WILMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

April 13, 2026

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

**The meeting was called to order** by Cheryl at 8:06 a.m.

**Reorganization and 2026 Meetings:** Motion was made by Anne, seconded by Bev and approved by all for Cheryl as Chair. Motion was made by Kathleen, seconded by Bev and approved by all for Anne as Vice Chair. Motion was made by Anne, seconded by Bev and approved by all for Kathleen as Clerk. Carol Sewall has submitted her resignation so there is an opening on the Committee. Cheryl will forward Carol's resignation letter to the town. It was decided to continue with the second and fourth Monday of each month for meetings starting at 8 a.m.

**Visitors, Public Comments:** There were no visitors nor public comments. Cheryl requested adding discussion of our current financials to the agenda.

**Approved Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2025, by Keith, seconded by Bev and approved by all.

**Treasurer Report:** None at this time. The financials were discussed. There is currently no money except in the Capital fund account. The bill for the new buntings ordered last year arrived in August. The cost of the buntings along with the purchases for the winter decorations equaled \$1700. Five new barrels were purchased with funds in the Capital account at a Tractor Supply discount amount of \$48 each.

**Landscape Program:** Tanya and Keith have done some work at Gateway. Keith will continue with trimming of the forsythia and hydrangeas. The hydrangeas need a lot of cutting back and Keith will start off conservatively. The big pines have been topped over the last 10 years which has helped. There is a need for new mulch and Keith will look into possible places to obtain at no cost. Cheryl reached out to Stephanie to see if her company could do an overhaul for Gateway. No reply to date but with no funds this would have to be considered at a later date. The Committee needs to do some spring raking and clean out. With that said it was determined the next meeting will be a working meeting at Gateway on April 27.

Planting of the barrels and baskets look like they will have to wait until after Memorial Weekend with the last full moon forecasted for end of May creating a greater chance of frost. Stephanie will be planting more red, white and blue flowers this year for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Cheryl has a new American flag which Keith will put up once it is determined which direction the town wants it to hang. The Committee will hang the buntings we have after today's meeting and Cheryl will let us know when the new ones arrive so that they can be hung.

The cost of winter decorations was discussed as currently we will need one new string of lights for one of the 2 trees in the park. We do have some red balls left. With a \$300 budget the Committee will need to decide how they would like to decorate for this year.

**Barrel Program:** The barrels were stored last year with one on top of the other so it is currently difficult to determine what shape they are in. Cheryl will request the false bottoms for the 5 new barrels. The owner of Riverbend Market reached out to Scott last year about the planting of their barrels. Stephanie found some flowers to plant and they are now on the list for this year. The condition of the barrels at this Market will need to be checked. With the plans to redo the sidewalks on East Main, Cheryl will ask Scott the timeline and then suggest that the barrels be moved to the south side so that Stephanie can have access to plant them.

**Town Manager Report:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** A working meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Gateway.

**Adjourn Motion:** Bev

**Second:** Anne

**All in Favor**

**Opposed:** 0

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Comeau