

Town of Londonderry, VT
Beautification Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 2019
2:30 – 3:50 pm

Attendance: Helen Hamman, Barbara Wells, Caroline Jopling & John Jopling

Old Business:

Christmas tree in vacant lot – tabled till future meeting

Financial Report – need more details for formal report – It was noted that Glebe Mountain mowed the hillside opposite Clarks for a one-time charge of \$300.00. The Garden Club will have Rugg Valley do the same job and pay for it before Columbus Day. Small American flags had been purchased and distributed for plant enhancement for Fourth of July. (Future flags will have to be a bit larger.)

New Business:

Plan for **Town Sign entering from Rte. 100** (by Brown's) – Helen was prepared to add more blanket/covering the area in order to prepare the area for planting. Barb Wells will assist her. Daffodil bulbs as well as Lilies and possibly tall grasses and Black-Eyed Susan's will be planted there at a later date.

Town Offices – front garden – we had a complete discussion regarding new plantings for the area. It was requested that we not add “shrub” type plants as the building was going to be painted and they would be difficult to maintain. Elimination of the window boxes in that area for maintenance purposes was also discussed.

A list of “filler” plants and “arrangement styles” of planting was created (including: a variety of Hostas, Bleeding Heart, Lilies; Helenium; Shasta Daisy; Cone Flower (Echinacea); Lady's Mantle; Campanula (Bellflowers); Dwarf Catmint, Lingularia, Bugbane, Brunnera, Goat's Beard (Astilbe); and other perennials – a few “taller” plants for the corner such as something like Rose of Sharon. A list of possible bulbs (daffodils, tulips, Peony), and discussion of adding some sort of flat rocks or paving stone to make weeding and watering less cumbersome.

Purchasing and Planting of Chrysanthemums in the triangle will take place after Glebe Mountain is able to clear out the Baptisia and spent daylilies (it appears the ring around the triangle of black-eyed Susan's did well only on the side not inundated by the road salt in the winter). Hopefully this cutback of the space will occur before October 7th.

Future financial commitments:

Cost of Glebe Mountain for clearing triangle.

30 Chrysanthemums for triangle

Additional daffodils (Town Sign (Brown's & hill across from Clarks & Town Hall garden)

Bulbs & Plants for Town Hall garden

Future Meetings/dates:

Tuesday, September 17th, - 10:00 am – Town Hall – Beautification Meeting – all welcome!

Tuesday, September 24th – 10:00 tentative date for planting of daffodils (Hill; Town Garden & Town Sign) – all welcome!

Saturday, October 5th – cut down of triangle plants.

Monday, October 7th (time TBD) planting of Chrysanthemum's.

Reminders:

Need to prepare budget for 2020. Window Boxes for 2020 on front porch railings at Thrifty Attic – possible elimination of barrel at that location. Two additional planter “insert” replacements are needed for the wall boxes next year - (as well as clean-up of destroyed wooden boxes behind wall display). Add window boxes of Information Booth for preparation as well as include on watering list.

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