

Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2021

Present: Committee members Barbara Wells, Bonny Johnson, Gale Kuhlberg, Helen Hamman and Martha Dale. Excused: Pam Abraham

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from the July 26th meeting were voted as approved.

Treasurer's Report: Helen presented a spreadsheet showing years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. A higher total expenditures this year are accounted for in part by the need for new window boxes and a \$400 deposit to begin work on Londonderry signs by Typestries.

Mums have been purchased from Allen Bros in Westminster and will be delivered to Helen's house in early September. Barb will contact Jennifer (Gnarley Roots) about clearing the triangle beforehand (PMN: email from Barb that this will be done September 10th or 13th). The committee plans to plant the mums Tuesday, September 14th.

Discussion of summer 2021 plantings:

- Town offices: looks good. Plan to move (or remove?) sage plant. Helen offered to donate another anemone (Robustissimus)
- Brown's: looks good
- Jelley's: looks good
- Triangle: looks good (see above)
- Mobil: looks good. Plan is to "plant" mums in pots in planter without distressing sedum.
- Hillside across from Marketplace: Helen will contact alternative mowers for early next July
- Remove green wall boxes from list of town flowers for next year

Discussion: Martha commented that signups have picked up significantly since last Facebook post. There was some discussion about whether Town Office garden should be added to watering signups. Possible new volunteers for watering plants might be BBA students to meet community service requirement. Martha will contact Jane Davis (Chester Garden Club) regarding more permanent tags in plantings noting contribution of Town of Londonderry. Barb noted that our boxes are shallow and require more frequent watering; could boxes be redesigned in the future?

Town Entrance Signs:

Rick to prepare final drawing and estimate, with installation costs unbundled, per email with Pam Abraham August 19-20th.

Gale reported that Rotary has submitted an application for a grant to partially fund the new signs, which must be matched by the Beautification Committee. Included in the application is Rotary's commitment to provide labor for buildup and installation.

After consultation with Shane O'Keefe, Barb suggested that the Committee prepare a petition and obtain the requisite number of signatures (~100) to ensure that a request for funds of up to \$14,000 is

included as an article in the Town Budget. Plan is to begin to enlist signatures in early October. Barb will confirm with Shane the requirements for a valid signature. Martha will draft an application to the Community Fund for Londonderry to offset any costs that the town cannot pay with estimated completion by September 6th.

New Business: The committee will meet on September 14th, 7am, to plant mums in the triangle.

Martha will prepare the thank you cards for the watering volunteers. She'll have these printed in time for the Committee to complete them at our next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: October 8th at 10:00am at Barb Wells' home.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Bonny Johnson