

Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2021

Present: Committee members Barbara Wells, Bonny Johnson, Gale Kuhlberg, Helen Hamman, Martha Dale, and Pam Abraham (by phone)

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from the August 30th meeting were approved. Follow up on action items:

- Helen will email Curt regarding mowing the hill prior to wild parsnip seeding (mid-July)
- Martha will contact Burr and Burton student volunteer coordinator about help with next year's watering (Gale will follow up with neighbor for name of contact to give Martha)
- Martha will continue to try to contact Jane Davis regarding signs for plant barrels
- Barb reported that there is no specific form for a town petition (see discussion below)

Treasurer's Report: Helen reported the following expenditures:

- Mums for town gardens: \$490 @ \$5 each + \$40 delivery
- \$95 for flower boxes
- \$60 for Thank You notes to watering teams (Barb to see if we can use town's metered postage)

Discussion of summer 2021 plantings: High praise for mums in all town gardens. Plan is to remove all mums before Thanksgiving and dispose at transfer station. Committee will check status of daffodils on the hill at the Plaza in spring to see if additional bulbs are necessary. Barb has ordered plants for 2022 boxes; fewer were ordered than in prior years due to our decision not to include boxes on the green wall and flowers at the Thrifty Attic.

Town Entrance Signs: Donations promised to date include gifts from the Rotary Club and the Beautification Committee and a grant secured by the Rotary Club, totaling \$3000. Martha has submitted an application to the Community Fund of Londonderry (CFL) and received a positive response from Susan Collins by email on 9/21/21. They discussed the idea of a loan from the CFL pending the town's decision to provide funding. The sign project has been included in the first CFL public notice. The committee determined that it is important that donors to the CFL be able designate the four Londonderry signs as a target for their donations.

The committee will create a petition to solicit signatures in support of full funding by the Town of Londonderry for the four "Welcome to Londonderry" signs, and that this be included in a 2022 town meeting warning. Martha will report back on the feasibility of using an online link for petition signatures. Total signatures needed is approximately 77.

New Business: Barb met with Elsie and others regarding holiday décor. Barb will check with Curt about donating a tree for the Genzer property. Will use only lighting. Consider a "fake" garland over Jelley's and Marketplace murals, and white lights in Jelley's garden box. Barb will follow up with Marge Fish about the possibility of planting a live tree.

The committee completed signing and addressing thank you notes to everyone who signed up to water the town's barrels, boxes and gardens. Additional notes will be sent to local businesses: Glebe Mountain Gardens and Landscaping, Rugg Valley Landscaping, and Gnarly Roots Landscaping.

Next Meeting: Spring 2022, date TBD.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Bonny Johnson