

Town of Londonderry  
Beautification Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2017

Present: Committee members, John and Caroline Jopling, Helen Hamman and Martha Dale. Joel Kuhlberg and Paul Gordon were excused.

The minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting were approved by the members.

It was recommended that names of possible committee members be brought forward for consideration.

**Bridge boxes and barrels:** Curt Cowles has the plants for the bridge boxes and will be planting the boxes shortly. Committee members agreed that in future years we should have more say in the plant selections. Helen will coordinate this with Curt next year.

The Rotary is receiving donations for the cost of barrel plantings – thus far \$1,500 has been raised. Next year it is hoped that this fundraising effort would benefit the bridge boxes as well, and allow town funds to the committee be allocated for other items.

Placing the bridge boxes on the bridges could be done by the Rotary – Helen will speak with Joel. John indicated that he is willing to help with the bridge boxes. On or about June 14<sup>th</sup> (Flag Day) is the expected date for installing the boxes.

Watering for the bridge boxes and barrels will be done by volunteers again this summer. Martha will coordinate volunteer solicitation and sign-ups. We have heard that Marie and Christopher Porecca will do a majority of the watering of the barrels – on each Wednesday and Sunday.

**Triangle Bed:** Everyone agreed that the bed looked GREAT! Helen has single-handedly maintained the bed these past months. She reports that black-eyed Susan plants are coming up around the edges.

**Clark's Hill:** The small collection of daffodils on the hill opposite Clark's IGA look good – we all agreed that more bulbs could be planted there this fall. We are expecting to see lupine plants after the seeding done by committee members last fall! Helen will speak with Rugg Landscaping to determine who mows that hillside and whether the timing of the first cut could be delayed until after the perennials boom.

**Village of Londonderry signs:** Most, if not all, of the Village of Londonderry signs have been repainted by Paul Gordon. Many thanks for his generous contribution of time and paint!

**Painted Wall:** The committee discussed the state of the painted wall near the old Shoe Barn building. It was agreed that next year's budget should include some funds for a better repair of the wall – lattice, more plantings, etc.

The committee members momentarily adjourned the meeting, then reconvened at Williams Park in order to look at the wall, the demolition site for the condemned Genser property and Williams Park. The members tentatively agreed to get designs for a raised bed at the intersection of Rtes. 11 and 100, on the Williams Park side of the road.

**The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**