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Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2020

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

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from the August 18, 2020 meeting were voted as approved.

Treasurer's Report: Helen provided a best guess at what is left in the budget, given that she has not been able to have any reports from the Town. It is expected that expenses for the mums, mulch and mowing are still outstanding. Jennifer Cobb had cut back the triangle across from the Marketplace and will not be charging us for her work.

Town Gardens: At the Town Offices, 10 mum plants have been planted and ongoing watering has begun. 40 plants were installed at the triangle recently. It was suggested that next year we plant 60. For 2021, it was suggested that 4 mums be placed in the cement barrel at the Mobil station, 10 at the Town Offices and 9 at the entrance sign at Brown Enterprises.

Tulips will be ordered for these various locations: 50 tulips for the triangle, 50 at the Town Offices, Brown's will get 50, and also 50 at the Mobil planter. It was suggested that bulbs should be planted on the old Genser property (at the corner of Rt 100 N and Rt 11) next year.

Bridge Boxes: Barb is working with Kathy at Glebe on next year's plant materials for the bridge boxes. The colors will be more variegated next year – with 7 plants in each box. If there are any leftover bridge box inserts, they need to be delivered to Glebe.

Watering Volunteers: Everyone agreed that the flower planter and bridge box watering went well this year. The early frost curtailed the project earlier than expected – September 20th. Rotarians have collected all bridge boxes except those on the ying/yang bridge. Kudos to the Rotary and Rugg Valley for their work installing and removing the planters.

Next year it was suggested that we make and distribute a number of flyers to solicit for new watering volunteers. The group recommended that we have 3 more large barrels at the Marketplace on the peninsula across from the New American Grill. We also agreed to have 3 new large planters on the old Genser property/new town park.

Entrance Sign Project: Martha, Pam and Bonny gave an update on the entrance sign improvement project. The subcommittee is about to release "non-binding requests for estimates" to 6 sign companies.

Friends of Main Street: Barb and the committee members discussed whether there is a need currently to create a 501c3 for the Friends of Main Street. It was agreed to keep it as is, and to be sure any fundraising letters note that donations cannot be considered tax-deductible.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Dale