

Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2021

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

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report indicated that all the funds in our account for the fiscal year had been spent. The last items purchased were 9 new liners for the bridge boxes.

Discussion of summer 2021 plantings: Bridge boxes are being repaired and hung, with the liners and plants to be installed shortly. Thanks to Joel K., new hangers have been created for some of the boxes. The various gardens around town look good and routine maintenance will begin soon. These include the planter at the Mobil station, town offices, Brown's Equipment. Two other locations adopted by the Garden Club, the Custer Sharp House and the Rescue Squad, may be tended by our committee during the season.

Town Entrance Signs: It is anticipated that a more firm quote will be provided by the chosen vendor, Typestries, which will be included in a grant application for the Community Fund of Londonderry. Once sign design details are produced, these will be taken to the Selectboard for review. At that time, the town will be asked to contribute partially to the project. Bonny, Pam and Martha will complete the CFL application and circulate it to the other members of the committee. Later in the discussion, we received an updated quote for the four signs: between \$3,800 and \$4,200 per sign.

Memorial Pond Plantings: Matt Scott of the Parks Board had inquired of a committee member for suggestions for plantings at the Pond. It was suggested that they install hydrangeas to add some color to the landscaping. Martha agreed to contact the Parks Board Chairperson and ask the following questions:

- Have the town weed whack the Japanese Knotweed at the Farmers Market
- Removal of the holiday lights on the trees at the Farmers Market
- What suggestions might they have as to holiday decorations at the Genser property that are non-religious

Watering Sign-ups: Martha reported on sign ups thus far in the season for the town planters and bridge boxes. 55 of the 180 spots have been filled. A new Face Book post will go out shortly (thanks to Gail) reminding folks of available watering spots.

New Business: The committee discussed street banners that could be hung year-round with different seasonal themes. Barb will investigate pricing for these. These, too, might be ideal for a CFL grant.

Next Meeting Date: July 26th at 10:30am.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Martha Dale