

Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2022

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

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from the May 15th meeting were voted as approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report indicated that we have a balance of \$2,139. The report was voted as approved.

Discussion of summer 2022 plantings:

- Town offices: the beds have been mulched, cleaned up and the Memorial Rock plantings are looking nice
- Brown's: looks good – Pam worked there recently
- Triangle: looks good but its time to pull crabgrass. Martha and Gale will arrange a time to pull those weeds
- Mobil: looks good
- Hillside across from Marketplace: Glebe is expected to mow before July 4th

Bridge boxes – Martha commented on signups for watering spots. We have a good number of volunteers through mid-July. Will need to re-advertise to get enough volunteers. Martha will send a reminder to the volunteers that the large self-watering planters need only water on the top and not in the spigots; also, to use fertilizer each week. Martha will continue to research best irrigation systems for the bridge boxes.

It was agreed that the boxes on Rt 100 bridge need to be pulled closer together. (After the meeting, Martha checked on how to move the boxes – she will need additional help to complete this task.)

Next year at the dry hydrant at the Mill Pond we agreed to add a third, smaller flowerpot.

Town Entrance Signs: The sign manufacturer is expecting to start on the project in the middle of July. We discussed the sign for S. Londonderry and will ask Tapestries to reformat the sign to have a bigger "South" on the sign.

Town Flag Poles: The Rotary, who has managed the placement of flags on Main Street, has asked for funding to improve the hardware for the flags (\$500.). The Beautification Committee has been asked to commit \$250 to this expense and the Friends of Main Street has agreed to fund the other \$250. It was voted as approved to pay \$250 for this improvement.

Other Plantings: Barb will contact Helen to order mums from the same vendor as was used last year. Last year, 90 plants were purchased. The decision to plant an evergreen tree on the Genser property was discussed. More conversation with either the Parks Board or the Select Board would need to happen to approve such a planting. Ideally the tree would be planted in early spring 2021.

Other Business: the Committee agreed to host a thank you reception for the Rugg Valley team who have helped with the planters every year. Martha will contact Rugg Valley to arrange.

Next Meeting Date: July 25th at 9:30am at Barb Well's home.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Dale