

**Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023**

Members present: Bonny Johnson, Barbara Wells, Martha Dale, Gale Kuhlberg

Absent: Pam Abraham

Attendees: Cheryl Edwards (Zoom), Marlene Boyaner

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes from the Nov 14/22 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: The budget started at \$3150 (July 1/22). \$1305 was spent on Mums and holiday decorations. Currently there is \$1845 remaining, however we expect a bill of approximately \$1500 from Glebe for plants. This coming year Beautification will be billed for the planting of the gas station barrel, which previously was absorbed by Barb Wells. The 2023 budget is \$3500.

New members: Cheryl Edwards and Marlene Boyaner introduced themselves and were welcomed to the committee.

Town gardens, bridge boxes, barrels and watering schedule:

Garden responsibilities are as follows:

Town Garden: Bonny (Primary), Gail

Brown Garden: Pam (Primary), Barb

Barrel (gas station): Barb (Primary)

Triangle: Gail (Primary), all as group

Cheryl and Marlene expressed availability to help anywhere as needed.

Members commented that the daffodils and tulips look especially good this year.

Bonny showed pictures of the planting starts at Glebe (looks great).

Mums: Allen Bros raised their prices because of increase in fuel costs. Barb spoke with Mark Wright who said he should be able to provide mums (quantity about 100) at the previous price (<\$6) so the plan is to purchase from Mark. Note this pricing will still need to be confirmed.

Watering: Martha discussed the watering sign-up spreadsheet which now has a QR code included for easy access to the link. We discussed additional ideas to communicate the need for waterers more broadly (signage ideas) which Martha will look into. The sign-up sheet will be coming out shortly. Watering dates will be from June 14-Oct 8. The watering covers planters and boxes planted by the Beautification Committee, Friends of Mainstreet and others. Some planters are self-watering; however they still need to be checked weekly for dryness.

Planting barrels: June 1, 2023 9am. The group is meeting at Rugg Valley Landscaping's greenhouses to plant the barrels. Address: Haven Hill Road, South Londonderry 05155

New business:

Application for Appointment to Town Boards: All committee members completed the Londonderry Application for Appointment to Town Boards and Committees, and they will be presented to the Selectboard by Martha Dale.

Proposal to improve town property at NE corner of Routes 100 and 11: Marlene gave an overview of the proposal to improve the property to make it a welcoming place for residents and visitors. The group was very positive about the proposal which will be presented and discussed with the One Londonderry Steering Committee (May 10) and the Selectboard (May 15). Marlene will send out the proposal under separate cover for more feedback from committee members.

Snowboard Plaque: Barb updated the group that a historical marker to honor Jake Burton and the origination of snowboarding in Londonderry will be placed on the South side of Route 11 facing Route 100 by Williams Park. It will be seen as you drive into Londonderry from 100N. There will be a ceremony (funded by the State) with family and state dignitaries when the marker is unveiled. The group discussed the winter banners being proposed and Barb introduced a design (blue and white snowflake) which was very favorably received. The committee discussed reaching out to community ski areas (downhill and cross country) for potential sponsorship of the banners. Barb, Bonny, Martha and potentially Pam will meet to organize this effort.

Next Beautification Committee meeting: June 12 at 10:00am

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Boyaner