

**Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes August 17, 2023**

Present: Committee members Bonny Johnson, Gale Kuhlberg, Martha Dale, Barbara Wells, Pam Abraham
By Phone: Cheryl Edwards **Absent:** Marlene Boyaner

Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023 was made by Martha, seconded by Pam and approved with changes.

Treasurer's report: We are now operating in the current year with a budget of \$3500, not including the \$157 expenditure yet to be reimbursed by the town to Barb Wells from the 2022 budget.

- Select Board report: Regarding property at NE Corner of Routes 100 and 11, Marlene, Mimi and Mark from One Londonderry, presented to Selectboard 7/24/23. Will work with Will Goodwin to get permits. Fund-raising delayed due to flood funding priority. Mark will donate the planting. Clean-up of the area will be needed
- Bonny suggested the Town clean up the debris around the Town Entry Signs. Per Martha, the Beautification Committee has done clean up there in the past. The Rotary will be asked.
- New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMC) representative, Cynthia Stoddard, will interview Town Committee chairs starting 7/31/23 as part a study of Londonderry's governmental structure
- Coffee Bar'n shop is currently awaiting permits in order to begin building

Town gardens, bridge boxes, barrels and watering schedule updates:

Garden updates:

- Brown's Garden: weeded by Bonny and Gale. It is looking good.
- Triangle: Friday 8/18 at 12:00pm, Gale will lead the triangle weeding and spruce up. Volunteers needed.
- Gnarly Roots to cut back the triangle plants the third week in September. Jennifer is the contact.
- Town Office Garden: Perennials added by Barb and Gale doing well; the site is full of color.
- Jelley's: Mark Wright rebuilt the sides of the sign planter.
- Bridge Boxes: look great thanks to the Tobin family.
- Mobil Station Planter: looks vibrant

Judy Platt is requesting volunteers to help with clean up on Saturday 8/19, (a sedentary activity, without any lifting.)

With the loss of *five* planters-should the committee reach out to Neighborhood Connections for money to help Friends of Main St replace them? Could they all be at Ball Dam?

Watering sign-ups are low: Bonny will reach out to Marlene to post a reminder email, while Martha offered to post a reminder on Facebook.

Should purchase of a large watering container be considered? Should the committee ask Mark Wright and team to water the planters throughout the town?

Town Banners: Pam reached out to Rick McDonough, without a response. She will continue to pursue this. Questions to consider: should the banner be 4-season to appear throughout the town? Estimate for average life of banner is 3 years. Should local ski areas be asked for sponsorship? Cheryl offered to contact Magic Mt. and Bonny offered to contact Viking.

New business

Per Barb, Mark Wright will add 100 mums at @ \$6 each to his order, for the Beautification Committee.

Barb to ask the Rotary to collect the bridge boxes after Columbus Day.

Plan to plant mums after triangle is cleared, late September or early October.

Next Beautification Committee meeting: September 11, @ 10 am.

Meeting adjourned. @11:03am

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Abraham