

**Town of Londonderry  
Beautification Committee  
Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023**

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

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the August 17, 2023 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** No change since last meeting. Current year budget \$3500. We anticipate most of the budget will go to annuals and mums.

- Post meeting note: Barb will be reimbursed by the town for her expense (\$157) in June. The town treasurer has requested that purchases from Glebe Mountain Nursery be made using the town's account and not personal credit cards.

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

- All the gardens and pots and flower boxes look healthy and vibrant with the exception of the boxes by the Yin Yang house. We discussed ways to address these problem boxes – more dedicated watering, alternative watering approaches (e.g., vacuum reservoir), different box insert to help retain water and not having boxes there. The committee would like to try one more year to try to make boxes at this location work.
- Gnarly Roots (contact Jennifer) will cut back the triangle garden week of 9/18 (pro bono) and then we'll plant the mums there. We'll plant the other mums a little later because the annuals still look good.

Town Office: Bonny (11 mums)

Brown Garden: Pam, Barb (6 mums)

Gas Station Barrel: Barb (3 mums)

Triangle: Gale (80 mums) with Cheryl and Marlene (and others as available)

- Watering signups have been limited, possibly because we've had steady rain this summer. We are investigating other approaches to watering (e.g., tank on a bicycle or other vehicle), but will continue the sign up approach for now. And we'll continue to ask for help for watering next year (Gail Mann and Heather Stephenson are good with social media here in town). We discussed working with Mark Wright to track what watering would cost – his crew currently waters the barrel reservoirs.
- Some of the "Welcome to Londonderry" signs have brush growing over the signs. Since the town is fully loaded with flood recovery work, we discussed having a few of us clear this overgrowth.
- Rotary will collect the bridge boxes after Oct 9.

**Town Banners:** We looked at a proposed design for the town banner that featured a downhill skier with the name of the ski hill at the bottom and Londonderry at the top. The committee would also like to see a design featuring 4 seasons which could work with and without a company name. Bonny to follow up with Pam with questions for Rick.

**No New business**

**Next Beautification Committee meeting: October 16, @ 10 am.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Boyaner