

Beautification Minutes of August 20th, 2013, 4:30 pm at Town Hall

Present: Barbara Rushmore, Ghee Patrick, Bill Docker, Vincent Breglia, Ross Sormani. Dot Frietas, excused absence.

The minutes of the June 26th Meeting were reviewed. RS made a motion to approve, VB seconded, all in favor.

The minutes of the July 23rd meeting were reviewed. BR made a motion to approve, VB seconded, 4 voted in favor, 1 abstained.

BD gave a report on the possibility of the Town paying for our Secretary. Research had been done with the Town Manager's secretary, who advised that not enough secretaries were available. However, someone could be suggested. The charge is \$25.00 per hour, with a 2 and ½ hour minimum, totaling \$62.50 per meeting, at minimum. RS did agree to take the minutes for 3 meetings and see how it went. The election of a Vice-Chair was made. RS made a motion to elect BD as Vice-Chair. BR seconded. A vote was called, 4 in favor, 1 not in favor. BD was elected Vice-Chair.

GP inquired into the building of a spread sheet for Public Record of those dedication benches and trees that are located throughout town. BR informed us that she was working with Laura Kelly to catalog them. 70% of the Memorial Trees had been cataloged, and BR also committed her time and effort to catalog the Benches.

BD reported on the Grand Opening for the Bus Stop Park. Vernon Porter, Austin Knight and Elaine Anderson were all contacted to attend and also to determine a time that was good for everyone. Tony Lemme will be contacted in order to make certain the people from the B and G would have available time. Ultimately the time that was established was September 24th at noon. BD suggested we go to surrounding businesses to see if they might be willing to donate some food. RS outside of the meeting did agree to go to Twisted Sister and Lucky Dog and see if they would participate. Soda was up for grabs, but it is a potential cost that can be absorbed by the budget.

BD representing DF in her absence spoke about the spreading of the cracked shell as finish for the Park. After careful consideration it was decided Noons would drop the shells directly after Labor Day, 10 cubic yards at a time, specifically either Thursday September 5th or Monday September 9th. BD or BR to coordinate with Tony Lemme.

VB – Presented a Mock-Up of a Cape based company that will do a Brass dedication plaque in Memory of Neil Tolle to be placed at the park. The cost of the Plaque is \$550.00, and at the point VB made his presentation the fee in entirety would be required to pay up front. RS informed VB that the Town works only on presented invoices for products received. Subsequent to the meeting VB was able to coordinate payment at the time of pick-up, and RS will attempt to get a check from the Town in order that it can be given to the Plaque Maker at pick-up.

VB – Requested that a replacement Hydrangea be put in the gardens in front of the VSB. It was unanimously agreed that a replacement Hydrangea could be acquired at a cost not to exceed \$200.00.

VB – Presented a mock-up of some potentially planting areas around the NStar station on Shank Painter Road. He had contacted NStar, who didn't want anything planted within the confined of their property. RS suggested that this was completely different news than what was being coordinated in the beginning of the year. RS suggested that VB contact David Gardner, who had the contact information for the person at NStar who was in agreement with the beautification of the station.

RS- Presented the Budget at \$2,955.25

Gift Fund at \$8,953.25

BD presented a Bill totaling \$61.69 from Conwell Enterprises that he had charged to his credit card and was looking for reimbursement. Everything on the bill was planting materials used in projects done by the Committee in the course of the season. VB made a motion for payment from the Beautification Budget, BR seconded, and all were in favor.

RS requested that the Beautification Committee come forward with each members version of what our vision for the Committee's 2014 plans should be. It was decided that each member would do their best to have some presentation at the next meeting (established at September 16th). Ghee Patrick said she would invite the Bicycle Committee to our next meeting to see if we could have some consensus on a project between the two committees.

BR- Informed us that she had done some groundwork on a Fountain that was supposed to be placed on the grounds of Town Hall. The Rider Family had donated funds for a fountain, and the beautification committee was to be consulted. More research was to be done.

BR – Informed the committee that a bronze sculpture was to be placed at the corner of MacMillan Wharf and the Waterfront Park in the distant future. BR suggested that she'll contact the people in charge and see if there is any input the committee can offer for placement, either there or elsewhere.

The next meeting for the Beautification Committee was established at 4:30 on September 16th, 2013.

BR called the meeting to adjourn at 5:51 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Ross Sormani
Acting Secretary
Provincetown Beautification Committee