

Beautification Minutes of September 16th, 2013, 4:30 pm at Town Hall

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

The minutes of the August 20th Meeting were reviewed. BR made a motion to approve, GP seconded, all in favor.

BR informed the Committee that GP would step up as a regular Committee member and DF would take on her role as the alternate for the Committee.

RS gave a report on the Budget and Gift Fund;

Gift Fund \$8,102.66

FY 2013 Budget \$2,955.25

Bills were presented;

Conwell Ace Hardware \$258.31 Special Order for pavers to go underneath benches, Bus Stop Park BR motion to pay from Budget FY 2013 BD 2nd all in favor

O'Brien & Sons \$2,797.00 Memorial Benches BD motion to pay from Gift Fund, GP 2nd all in favor (later modified to \$2,572.00)

Upon review of the O'Brien bill it was discussed that the charges were in excess of what we were collecting from Donors at \$850.00. BR made a motion that our new charge for Memorial benches will be \$1,000.00, BD 2nd, all in favor.

BR discussed the maintenance of our existing benches. Some wooded slats (6' and 8') are in need of replacement. BR agreed to contact O'Brien to find out the charge for the slats. BR made a motion that an order not to exceed \$1,000.00 could be allocated for this maintenance issue from the Budget. BD 2nd, all in favor

BD made a motion that the food for the dedication ceremony be paid by the Budget, not to exceed \$400.00. RS 2nd, all in favor.

BR informed us of her continued inquiry into the fountain. The fountain decision was made under the Committee being chaired by Paul Hall. Paul Hall is unavailable for contact. A balance in the region of \$2,000.00 remains in the Gift from the Rider's to the Town. A round table discussion ensued about how the Beautification Committee might be able to have some influence over how these remaining monies might be used. It was discussed that the monies might be dedicated to the forthcoming Aids Memorial on the Town Hall Property, potentially some fountain feature. BR made a commitment that she would make contact with the Town Government and BD made a commitment to contact the people who are working on the Aids Memorial.

BD gave his report on the forthcoming September 24th Bus Stop Park Grand Opening. 2 Press releases had been sent to the Banner. All selectmen were contacted. The park was the culmination of making the three areas of Bus Stop, Lopes Square and the Waterfront Park inviting to visitors.

Future Projects for 2014 Budget of \$10,000.00 as distributed by the VSB were discussed;

BR - More benches. 3 Parking lots, Johnson Street, Alden Street and School Street. Each parking lot has a handicapped space that in addition has an all clear area to its side in order to accommodate for accessibility. BR believed that a 6' bench could be placed at the head of each one of these clear areas. Bench for Prince Street, Bench near the Community Center. Benches for each one of the Town Landings.

BR - Blue Matt extending out onto the Bay Beach, Johnson Street

GP - Benches for the 2nd and 3rd Parking lot of the Grace Hall Parking Area.

BR Plantings above the Standish Street Wall.

BR + GP - Grace Hall Parking underplanting

BD - Remove Francis's Tree Island soils and have DPW make the island concave in order that the water doesn't run off.

RS - Address and beautify the Hill between Bradford Street and Grace Hall Parking Lot. Potential pedestrian crossing to Masonic Place versus where it is at the top of the Hill today.

6:05 BR called for the meeting to be adjourned. Next Meeting for the Beautification Committee was established at October 7th, 2013, Town Hall, 4:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross Sormani, Acting Secretary, Provincetown Beautification Committee