

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

JUNE 6, 2016

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Approved  
Sept 7th '16

4:30 PM - Meeting called to order in Caucus Hall, Town Hall

Present - Bill Docker, Anika Costa, Allan McKinnon, Frank Vasetto, Eric Larsen, J.K.  
Excused absence - Mark Bouchon - ~~Unexcused absence - John Krajovic~~

1. Public Statements - Guest - Victor Seltfam - Harbor Committee

Victor came to speak today about the new kayak racks being built for the town beaches. All kayaks in the west end have been removed and there is some clean-up of weeds, etc. to be cleaned in the area. Eric spoke of it being a conservation matter and that the Harbor Committee should speak to Deb the environmental planner, as beach restoration such as grass planting would fall under conservation.

Victor spoke of six rings being installed on the bulkhead for boats to tie up to vs using concrete blocks. Bill commented on wanting to have more beach area and Eric suggested having the D.P.W. do a clean-up, inclusive of the planting beds. Victor thanked Eric for the highway department's help in building the new kayak racks.

2. Approval of April & May 2016 Minutes

Frank motions to accept May 11, 2016 minutes - Bill seconds - So voted - 3 to 0. ✓

Frank motions to accept April 25, 2016 minutes - Bill seconds - So voted - 4 - 0. ✓

~~4:57 PM John arrives~~

3. Treasurer's Report & Invoices

Allan reports- General Fund = \$ 8,259.27 ~ Gift Fund = \$ 4,054.80

Invoices to be paid for Stop & Shop, Bayberry Gardens, Garden Renovations & Ace Conwell total = \$ 3,460.97

Conwell amounts ~ 159.84  
87.89  
79.84  
136.14  
38.97  
885.29  
48.46

\$ 1,436.43  
Conwell

Garden Renovations ~ \$ 1,487.45  
Bill motions to pay ~ Frank seconds - So voted - 4-0.  
Bayberry Gardens - \$ 441.50  
Bill motions to pay - Anika seconds - So voted - 4-0.  
Stop N Shop ~ \$ 95.56 to Bill Docker  
Frank motions to pay - Anika seconds - So voted - 4-0.  
Bill motions to pay - Frank seconds - So voted - 4-0.

4. Project / Workshop Reports

a. Stop & Shop- They gave us a \$ 100.00 gift card to spend on plants and \$ 98.00 was spent. The store manager suggested to Bill & Allan that we write to Stop & Shop headquarters asking for a \$ 5000.00 grant to spend on plants from Stop & Shop. After additional paperwork was submitted regarding tax free status and with the town manager and selectman's approval, the committee was awarded \$ 1,000.00 annually for the next five years.

John comments to the board to be aware of quality of plants at Stop n Shop vs a nursery and to pick plants carefully. Allan suggests using money in kind at Stop n Shop and asks if plants have to be disease free like any fruit or vegetable? Anika suggests we buy annuals from Stop N Shop and other plants from nurseries.

## Project / Workshop Reports - Continued

b. East End Playground Update & Plantings - Eric Larsen reports that the \$ 36,000.00 rubber surface is in and the fence will be installed. The sod will be going in requiring less water and the included clover helps with the release of nitrogen. When all is complete then we can take a look at what we can plant. Bill asks if we should form a working group now and do we plant now, fall or spring? Frank suggests now or later and Eric comments that the sod area may need to be tailored.

Bill motions to table to fall meeting - John seconds - So voted - 4 - 0.

c. MPL / Macmillan Pier Plantings & Mulching - Bill reports that this project is 99.9 % complete and said that Rex from the pier is pleased however some of the parking staff are not as pleased. Frank reports that J.P. from the parking staff will water and that a shed for disability equipment will not be in that location. Bill suggests we form a working group then Bill and John suggest Stella Doras and Cranesbill - Roxanne and Roseanne.

John says to keep it simple at first and Bill suggests we plant more perennials later. Allan suggests we establish accounts to order the Stella Dora and Cranesbill from Agway and The Farm both located in Orleans, Ma.

Allan motions to spend \$ 750.00 - Frank seconds - So voted - 4-0.

Bill comments that better coordination with Building & Grounds must be done before project onset, so that areas to be cleared are clearly identified. The areas should be roped off and someone from the committee could be at the site to answer any questions.

d. Barrels & Islands - Bill reports that all barrels and islands are planted and doing fine. The slope has been weeded by the beautification committee and additional help was received by Bill's partner Tom and Anika's son Nathaniel. The knockout roses need pruning and Tom will prune and fertilize the roses. Garden Renovations will take care of three plantings that have died.

Watering this area is tricky as staff cannot stand on the slope and there is not enough water pressure from the watering truck. John suggests we get a ground cover or ivy in the area and add more bulbs. Bill reports that John and Ronnie of Building & Grounds weeded and mulched the beds on the perimeter of the lot. In the fall, we should establish a list of groundcovers and bulbs to add in this area.

e. VSB / PTV - Bill reports that Tony and Radu of the V.S.B are very happy with the improvements made to the V.S.B. beds. The green box map holders around town should be removed soon as the permit holder's license to have them and the trailer in M.P.L. revoked.

f. Town Hall - Front & Rear - All beds were planted. Conversation ensued regarding color choices and making sure we are in consensus about color choices in each location.

g. VMCC Planters & Front Beds - Bill states all is good with the VMCC plantings. Perhaps shrubs removed from the town hall Doughboy statue area can be transplanted at VMCC. Where else can these shrubs go? Grace Hall slope, Grace Hall islands or grassy area at base of High Pole Hill were suggested areas.

h. Tree Trimming & Fertilization - Workgroup with Margaret Murphy - Bill suggests that the working group check town trees before they "leaf" out. John asks if Ken from Bartletts is used or another tree company, how is this service financed? Bill and Anika interested in being on this working group.

## 5. Board of Selectman Annual Goals 2017

Our committee input and discussion includes thoughts on how we improve the area from the Pilgrim Monument and Bas Relief, up Ryder Street to the harbor. Rex from the pier and the Harbor Committee are working in conjunction with the Legasse family that now own Fisherman's Wharf. Our committee would like to see continuity of lights and planters by the town and the Legasse family. The Legasse plans involve a 12 foot wide stretch of beach inclusive of the removal of two town benches.

The continued discussion brought up the board of selectman allocating funding for Ptown 400, urban design of our public spaces as well as the DART teams proposal to create a great park in the pier parking lot and satellite parking. Bill reads e mail from Elisabeth Verde and we receive a handout from Elisabeth and one from Bill.

Overall, where does each person's input start and end?

6. Approval of Barbara Rushmore Tree at Fisherman's Memorial Park

Discussion to approve Barbara's request to plant a Ginkgo Bilboda with the clarification of it being a Pyramid or a Princeton Century. Bill motions to approve - Frank seconds - So voted 4 - 0. Bill shows committee the tree removal form using the example of 2 Sycamores being removed at the MPL.

7. Work Group with Legasse Development & Town Planner - Tabled until next meeting,

8. Review of new Tree Planting & Removal - Discussed under # 6.

9. New Business - Tabled until next meeting.

10. Any New Business not anticipated

In our closing discussion, we spoke of the 2 Hawthorne trees arriving on 6/8/16 to be planted at the library. The current state of the library lawn will be discussed with Rich Waldo and Eric Larsen inclusive of watering, fertilizing and the use of water bags for the trees. Who will water and how will they water?

Member Mark Bouchon will be resigning due to overcommitments. We discussed ways to attract new members. In closing, we discussed the importance of setting our agenda in "bullet format" to be able to get through our agenda in a more timely fashion. The agenda format may be adjusted so that Eric and the committee can discuss all projects.

Next meeting set ~ July 11, 2016 at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anika M. Costa, Vice Chair~ Person