

PROVINCETOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes 9/19/01

The meeting was called to order at 11:10a.m. by James Mack.
Present: LouAnn, James, Robin, and Gerry

Old Business:

- 8/29/01 and 9/12/01 minutes were accepted as read.

New Business:

- It was noted that Mary Ann Powers was not present although she had been elected to the Beautification Committee as a full member. It was also noted that Jennifer Crooks had applied again to become an alternate BC member having been removed for not attending any previous BC meetings.

Discussion of 9/12/01 published Beautification Committee Meeting - where James presented final plans for the Bas-relief (Town Green) re-landscaping project to the five town's people present and heard their concerns. Motions were made and the following was approved:

- In response to Barbara Rushmore's concerns:
 - James will speak with Martha at Paysage to find some type of plant, i.e., creeping juniper to plant in the open space behind the planned circular trees, to discourage its use as a "trysting" place.
 - BC will use a brick sidewalk rather than cement, which is cheaper, easier to repair, and prevents skateboarding.
 - BC will relocate the two "beautiful bushes" and other unused trees to another location (perhaps the Grace Hall parking lot) but not use it in the new Plan.
 - James will check with Martha for tree sizes so that the ones on the side of the bas-relief will not be too tall or block the side view of the bas-relief.
 - BC does not agree that the Plan is not using the full Town Green space.
 - BC cannot see any way to use the Ryder Family bequest (\$5 - \$10,000) for a fountain in the re-landscaped Town Green.
 - BC can more the 8' bench being replaced by a bike rack to the back of Town Hall.

In response to Mark Silva's concerns, the BC believes that there is more than adequate space for the tents being used for the Portuguese Festival. They are currently using 160' of total frontage between and outside of the sidewalks. The new Plan calls for 140' of total frontage between the sidewalks (60' more than what is there now). They might have to reconfigure their tent placement. Gerry will call Mark and give him the good news.

In response to Chuck Turley's, the Monument Committee, concerns:

- BC will check the current Monument signage to see if we care to use it to describe bas-relief and monument. Gerry will do research so that the signage will be accurate. James noted that the cost of the sign(s) is not currently in the budget. He will also ask Martha to incorporate signage into the revised plan.
- James will ask Martha about the trees to the right not making the Monument land look smaller.
- "Trysting" problem - addressed above.
- Trees being too tall on sides of bas-relief - addressed above.
- Trash receptacles need not be included in the Plan and the BC will address this issue after the landscaping project is completed. (One receptacle by the bike rack is a must.)

In response to Jack's, Town Hall Custodian, concerns:

- The center grass will be more level as a result of the re-landscaping work.
- Brick sidewalks - addressed above.
- BC does not believe that a new fence to replace present one behind the bas-relief falls under the Committee's jurisdiction.

· More sprinkler heads for underground water system is a part of the current plan. However, James will speak with David, DPW, and find out if lighting and sprinkler changes are in the budget and exactly when the DPW will be ready to have the trees, shrubs and other plants delivered.

Once the BC has Martha's tree measurement specifications and knows when the trees can be delivered, a trip will be made to the nursery to order the trees.

New Business:

· James read a letter from Cecelia Hall regarding the annual planting of flowers across the street from the Post Office in which she asks us to discontinue this practice for a variety of reasons. As we have had no success in having the DPW water our plantings or allow us to hire a watering person, a motion was made and carried to draft a letter to the DPW. In that letter the BC will tell them of our decision not to continue our annual planting at that location or at Lope's Square. Robin will draft this letter.

The next BC meeting will be held next in about two weeks - James to notify.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Brennan
Secretary