

Greenville Beautification Committee

4/5 Meeting

Attendees: Jim Lambert, Adam Mueller, Rick Miller, George Bachelder, Becky Krashan, Jake Krashan, Heather Schoff, Kristy Zina, Deb Walsh

- Jim ran the meeting; Rick Miller will run the August meeting; Deb Spratt will run the November meeting
- We had three new people join and present for the meeting: Becky K., Jake K., George **Bachelder**; a fourth new member is Denise Ginzler
- Secretary Report. Judy is out of town. Rick highlighted the 2/15/22 minutes.
- Treasurer Report. We are not sure of the correct amounts in our two funds. The town funded us for \$2500. Our own fund has around \$2150 (according to the November, 2022 report)
- Deb Walsh will contact former treasurer Jason about transferring materials and two memorial plaques that he has in his possession. Jim Lambert will be in touch with Tara to pave the way for the transfer of authority.
- Jim made up new plot maps. Becky, Jake and George signed up for two plots. Rick will talk with his neighbors on whether they are interested in participating, as we need to fill three more plots (Plots 15A, 15B and 16). Members agreed that plots 10 and 12 are difficult plots and should only be bark mulched at this time. **Heather and the Girl Scouts have signed up for the tulip circle in front of the library and barrel.** Heather will take the added responsibility for cleaning up the 1872 brick display in front of the town hall for the 150th celebration and replacing the front supporting boards. Members may be called on to advise and help.
- Hoses will be available at the town hall spigot for watering. Members will bring their own shut-off.
- Artie Walsh has started building the bridge boxes and Rick has committed to painting them.
- We discussed the mulch situation and voted to go with Tim Kearney. (Kearney proposal: \$28.50/ yard with free delivery at spreading time by Beautification members. Mason Brook proposal: \$32.25/yard plus \$910 for spreading by Mason Brook). Rick will contact Tim and work out the details. Is he joining the committee? Will he take mulch back? **We will have Tim deliver the mulch on the morning of May 21st.** We may not need 13 yards because some of the plots only need a light, fresh cover. He will throw off his truck and we will need to spread it. He may need some help **on** the truck.
- **The communal work day will be May 7th for us to clean and prepare the beds for mulch.** We need to notify the highway and police depts. before putting sand and debris in the road. If plot holders decide to clean earlier, they should let the departments know a couple of days ahead of time if they will not be picking up the debris themselves. (DPW: Scott Leard, 603-878-9981; Police: 603-878-2324) Jim will call to find out when the street sweeper is scheduled to be in town, if they know.
- The bridge boxes will be planted prior to Memorial Day. Heather will put flags in the semi-oval at the foot of the town hall steps. The plots will be planted later in early June.

- Members decided that Deb, Rick and Jim will purchase all the flowers; they will decide on the color scheme depending on the flowers available. They will purchase from previous sources and/or shop at big box stores for the sales. We may need to consider ordering in advance.

Deb, Rick and Jim will decide on purchase date(s), notify planters in advance that they will bring plants to people to plant at their convenience. Further, knowing that each plot holder was able to spend \$60 last year and that prices will undoubtedly be higher this year, members voted to give the buyers *carte blanche*. This is the committee's major project this year; be reasonable but no need to scrimp.

- We will need to keep enough money in the budget for tulips and mums in the fall.
- Ben Buttrick, Ass't. Fire Chief, has indicated that 4-5 members of the department would be willing to help if needed. Do we need them for mulching or cleanup?
- We talked about what we might do for the 3rd of July (decision: nothing) and Old Home Day. We would like, at a minimum, to have a table display for Old Home Day, the 150th main day of events, August 27th. Kristy Zina will take the lead on this and we will finalize plans at the August meeting. Beautification might consider further participation at Old Home Day by sponsoring an ice cream social. Kristy would help with this also. We need to check with the town on: swim team selling ice cream then? If they don't, can we work from the pool house?
- Because some members have sensitive security systems, Jim will send a new group email containing the minutes from April 5th within a week's time. Rick will send a current list of Beautification members to Tara who will arrange for swearing in new members and any needed renewals of old members. Notification and papers at the Town Clerk's office should all be arranged by the end of next week, April 17th.
- Next meeting is August 2nd. Quarterly meetings start from this one.

Many thanks to all!