

Minutes
Beautification Committee 3/22/2018
Greenville, NH

- Attendance: Rick Miller, Jim Lambert, Cookie Shahmieri, Muriel Pelletier, Christine Johnson, Dick Bickford, Maggie Bickford
- Call to Order Time: 6:35pm. Adjourned: 8:00pm
- Budget Balance: Rick reports the town contribution to our budget is \$2500. Maggie will contact Linda to get the latest balance of the total account balance.
- Updates to Web Page: Jim reviewed the web page and had several updates he suggested. Need to update the membership list, add a contact point, either e-mail or phone number, on the Mission statement, remove the words “to participate” and to make the word “Towns” in the last sentence possessive. Discussed the need to update the contact form so people know how to contact us. Conversely, we discussed having the town page reference a Facebook page for the Committee (where two closed pages for the committee currently exist). It was clear that the town webpage was not something most members were familiar with. Three of the members present indicated they would not use Facebook at all. The question is how do we best get our message out to the townsfolk without recreating the wheel. We have an official web site, many people are either not using FB now, and may be put off by the current news on how they have sold user account information without permission. Need to continue discussion.
- Meeting dates: Discussion around changing dates to accommodate Darryl and Marion’s need to change, but that has been negated as their calendar conflict no longer exists. So, although we were going to survey the group to change nights, it seems we are ok for the most part with Thursday. That being said, we did set the next meeting for Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30. If nothing else changes, we can keep the current schedule of the 3rd Thursday of the month going forward after that meeting.

- Discussion:
 - We will, again, shoot for the beds to be done by Memorial Day, May 28th. We plan to have the beds clean by May 1, complete plantings in time for mulching around the 19th and 20th. This is, of course, weather permitting.
 - Maggie will contact the DOT to see if we can be scheduled for sweeping by the end of April.
 - We will be sending a “Thinking of You” card to Jane Peters who is experiencing a serious health challenge.
 - We will plan to use both Mason Brook and Amazing Flower Farm as sources for plants this year. AFF has agreed to the open purchase order for a set amount concept which worked so well with Mason Brook last year and will also issue the Committee a discount after minimum purchase plan.
 - There was much discussion regarding the potential of using an “impact planting” scheme this year where we would use mass plantings of wave petunias, impatiens or the like to get a visual punch going on Main Street. This seemed to be a popular idea and needs further discussion at the next meeting.
- Project Goals
 - Initial discussion centered around maintaining the same persons responsible for gardens last year into this year. Known changes include Judy Wilkins taking on the Laundromat garden. Need to check with members who were not in attendance to see if other changes need to be made.
 - Talked about a quote Jim got from Mason Brook to loam and seed the Library lawn. Need to check if the quote still holds and discuss feasibility with the group at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm