

Beautification Committee Minutes
August 18, 2015
4:30 PM
Town of Provincetown

Meeting Called To Order: 4:34 P.M.

Present: Bill Docker, Anika Costa, Ross Sormani, Eric Larsen: Deputy Director, D.P.W.
Absent Members: Christine Sylvia, Frank Vasselo

Motion to open: Anika ~ Ross seconds

Public Statements: Erik Yingling

Erik Yingling came to the meeting as a citizen to present a family wish to plant a memorial cherry tree at the V.M.C.C. for his cousin Rachel who recently passed away after a four year battle with cancer. The family will get the tree from Bayberry Gardens and will provide the placque. The current height of the tree is 7~8 feet with a growth potential to be 12 ~ 15 feet with an equal canopy. The preferred location in the island at V.M.C.C. would be on the right as you face the street and the family will plant it with help from Building & Grounds.

Eric Larsen approves as long as Recreation's area for summertime Slip & Slide and pavement is not impeded. Committee discusses importance to watch space left in town to plant trees and suggests to Erik Yingling to buy a water bag for the tree.

Motion to approve request: Bill ~ Ross seconds ~ 3-0 vote.

July 2015 Minutes: Ross motions to accept minutes ~ Bill seconds ~ 3-0 vote.

**** Note **** Bill will scan and send to town clerk but in the future draft must be submitted sooner due to bill payments.

Treasurer's Report: **** Note **** Ross stepping down from board in December 2015.

\$16,114.18 Budget \$ 3,733.87 Gift Fund

Garden Renovations: \$ 312.75 for (3) invoices for plant materials for Coast Guard Corner and Victor's Island.

Motion to pay: Ross ~ Bill seconds ~ 3-0 vote.

Bayberry Garden: \$ 617.88 for annuals planted in various beds and water bags.

Motion to pay: Ross ~ Bill seconds ~ 3-0 vote.

Conwell Lumber: \$ 60.96 for rose fertilizer obtained by Bill and Steve Hadley from B & G. Eric points out importance of buying organic products in line with town's policy on fertilizers.

Motion to pay: Bill ~ Ross seconds ~ 3-0 vote.

\$ 15,122.59 Budget \$ 3,733.87 Gift Fund Budget includes "new" 10,000 for fiscal year.

Project Reports: Discussed as follows:

~ Sylvan Tree Order ~ Rushmore add-on ~ Ross's order is ready and Barbara would like to add a tree for Bus Top Park in memory of David Hamquist (see new business # K). Committee feels another location would be better such as the school. Barbara would also like to put more trees out on the median strip of the highway. A conversation ensued as to the Conservation Committee wanting to govern what gets planted in that area. We will discuss at our next meeting.

~ Grace Hall Slope ~ Bill will present plans to Bayberry Garden's & Garden Renovations for \$ 2,000.00 planting job. Bill suggests that B & G crew leave the shoots that are growing now, so we can identify permanent removal of certain plants.

~ Request for Proposal ~ Re: Bas Relief ~ E-mail David Gardner ~ Response is that Michelle J. Cowing is working on a grant and that no details of what it will be or what it will include are available at this time.

~ Bench Report ~ Christine absent. Ross reports that Mark & Mike Silva will choose an existing bench in Bus Stop park to donate in their sister Linda's name. \$ 1200.00 will be paid to add the plaque in her name on a bench facing a handicap parking space near MoJo's. The existing Alden Street Memorial to Linda Silva will be dismantled and the wood pieces will be given to her sister Nancy Burch. In the spring of 2016, two half barrel planters will be placed in the Alden Street area and planted with annuals. A tree in her name already exists there and will remain.

~ Water Bag Report ~ A total of 25 bags were ordered and placed on trees in town by the B & G. They are filled as needed and have been a beneficial product.

~ Summer Plant Maintenance Update ~ Bill reports that things are good.

New Business:

~ Item A ~ Frank's friend moved to 9/2015 meeting.

~ Item B ~ Bill Docker will compose a letter to extend a thank-you to Dot Freitas and committee will sign.

~ Item C ~ Replacement of Dot Freitas. Anika will ask Christie Andresen and the town clerk will be asked as to whether an ad should be posted in the Banner.

~ Item D ~ Downey Trailer Removal ~ Seek David Gardner's opinion about removal. Ross motioned and Bill seconded. 3-0 vote with the amendment to ask Bike And Disability Committees too.

~ Item E ~ Sycamore Tree Removal & Gardner Letter ~ Doughboy Monument ~ Ross motions to remove from agenda. Anika seconds. 3-0 vote.

~ Item F ~ Barbara Rushmore Recognition ~ To selectman a request to name a bench for Barbara. "In recognition of Barbara Rushmore's commitment to beautifying Provincetown."

~ Item G ~ Linda Silva Memorial ~ Discussed in bench report.

~ Item H ~ Bench on Harry Kemp Way ~ Discussed that there are three benches already on that road.

~ Item I ~ Tree Tags ~ Anika will discuss at next meeting.

~ Item J ~ Gazebo at Bus Stop Park ~ Table until we have a full board

~ Item K ~ Barbara Rushmore Tree Gift ~ Better location should be chosen. Barbara will be emailed.

~ Item L ~ COA Tree Tags ~ Chris Hottle ~ Bill will call Chris, moved to next agenda.

~ Item M ~ Island at Route 6 & ShankPainter ~ Ross feels it looks okay and Bill feels it just needs weeding.

~ Item N ~ 2020 Committee ~ Bill will be absent and he will ask Frank Vassello if he can attend the September meeting to represent the Beautification Committee. Will be on next agenda.

~ Item O ~ Fall Tree Trimming ~ Next agenda.

~ Item P ~ Suzanne's Garden Bench Placement ~ Ross motions for no bench ~ Bill seconds. 3-0 vote.

~ Item Q ~ Johnson Street Lot ~ Is the tree at base of the lot dead? Left walkway on Pepe's Restaurant side should be cleaned up and weeded and a water bag applied to that tree. Bill makes the motion of above ~ Ross seconds. 3-0 vote.

~ Item R ~ Snail Road & Commercial Street Island ~ Anika will remove clean entire island of weeds on her own time. Follow-up discussion to plant at September meeting.

~ Item S ~ Grace Hall Lot # 3 ~ For now, have D.P.W. place garbage and recycling barrels in the sandy corner on the right as you exit the lot. Possible bench to be discussed in future. Bill motions ~ Ross seconds. 3-0 vote.

~ Item T ~ No new business.

Next Meeting set for September 14, 2015 @ 4:30 PM. Meeting adjourned @ 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anika M. Costa

Vice ~ Chair Person