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Beautification Committee Minutes

July 14, 2015

4:30 PM

Town of Provincetown

Meeting Called to Order: 4:38 P.M.

Present: Bill Docker, Anika Costa, Ross Sormani, Christine Sylvia, Dot Freitas & Eric Larsen
Deputy Director, D.P.W. Absent: Frank Vasello.

Public Statements: None

June 2015 Minutes: Ross motions to accept ~ Bill seconds. 4~0~1 Abstain vote.

Treasurer's Report:

\$ 6,714.78 Budget \$ 3,733.87 Gift Fund
Bills: \$ 455.00 Chris Corea C.M.C. Landscaping ~ Garden beds at V.S.B.
Bill motions to pay ~ Dot seconds. 5~0 vote.
\$ 145.60 Garden Renovations ~ Plant Material
Ross motions to pay ~ Anika seconds. 5~0 vote.

New Balances:

\$ 6,114.18 Budget \$ 3,733.87 Gift Fund 0 money in.

Project Reports:

Grace Hall Slope ~ Ross / Anika Working Group ~ Projected Cost: \$ 2,000.00

Plant suggestions include Bayberry, Myrtle, Weigelia, Scotch Broom plus daffodil bulbs.
Would Scotch Broom be too invasive? Suggestion of giving Bayberry Gardens & Garden Renovations the opportunity to give us a quote on with above choices and /or other plants. We will revisit this at the next meeting. Holly bushes will also be added to replace ones that did not survive. The Masonic Place staircase across the street needs a clean-up by Building & Grounds and a trash barrel is needed. The painting of the stair rails and future plans for Bradford Street Hill in regards to redesign of traffic / pedestrian use to be revisited.

Sylvan Tree Order ~ Ross met with Barbara Rushmore about process to order. Ordering in the fall.

Town Hall Replanting ~ Bill / Anika Working Group

Bill & Anika reported ideas for adding plants to front beds, flagpole bed and rear bed. Eric remarked that any plants/shrubs planted in the rear bed for covering up pipes, vents, etc. cannot cover sensors or vents as it would cause trouble to the HVAC system. Discussion led to use of mahogany lattice away from the wall. Presently, annuals will be added to the beds and perennials and bulbs will be done in the fall.

Bill motioned to currently spend \$500.00 for the planting of annuals in the 4 town hall beds ~ Dot seconds. 5~0 vote.

Bench Report ~ Dot / Christine

We have Barbara Rushmore's list of suggested sites for benches. Dot feels the bench information should go to one designated committee member and that person will be Christine when Dot resigns from the board soon. Benches slated to go in this season have been installed. The Sklar bench is at the Methodist church and the Bolger bench is in front of the library on Commercial Street. The original site of the Johnson street parking lot was not feasible for the Bolger bench.

Benches cannot go in the west end rotary and town space in the east end is sparse. Perhaps one may be placed on the grass to the east of Pumper # 5 firehouse. Dot reports there are plenty of benches to "adopt" but we have no takers for the existing ones. Committee would like to designate a bench for Barbara Rushmore but she has declined. Bill will send a letter to Barbara ~ Dot seconded.

Cigarette Containers ~ Anika

We need more containers for the town. Anika will speak to the Chamber of Commerce and will pass on information about the Oasis smoking urn. The information will include the supplier and cost plus it is a good product as it should last about 5 years. More containers should be bought and labeled town property for town land and businesses could buy them for their own outside areas. Anika will also pass on information about foldable ashtrays that can be obtained through a website about litter.

Thank-you note to Victor for donation towards West Vine Island ~ Bill ~ Done.

Mulch from Tony Lemme for projects ~ Bill ~ All is okay.

Flagpole at Bus Stop Park ~ Bill ~ B & G will paint it ~ Tree has been trimmed.

New Business ~ Items A ~ U ~ See 7/14/2015 # 5 ~ Items discussed

- a. Ross will talk to Michelle about the RFP / landscape architect for Bas Relief & 2020 celebration.
- b. Next agenda.
- c. Move to next meeting.
- d. Removal of sycamore tree would be by selectman's vote. Via David Gardner, no action to be taken up V.F.W. letter this year to redesign front beds of front lawn statue.
- e. Barbara Rushmore Recognition previously discussed.
- f. Bike Committee Request ~ Too premature at this stage to get involved. Redevelopment of railroad bed.
- g. Linda Silva Memorial ~ Anika spoke to Linda's sister Nancy Burch. If memorial is dismantled, she wants the wood. We would replace the memorial with two barrel planters. A memorial tree in her name exists at the spot and Tamarisk is planted in her name at Fisherman's Park. Anika wondered if the removal / replacing could take place before the 9/12 anniversary.
- o. Summer Helper Update ~ Bill ~ Anika Field Trip with Ronnie ~ Steve
The summer guys are doing a good job. Areas and tasks were pointed out. Most important is to look up, down, left and right to see what needs to be watered, pruned, removed, weeded, etc. Report damaged property.
- q. Tree was removed at Johnson Street lot after lot was repaved. Eric stated not possible to replant in that area.
- r. Order 10 more water bags for trees. Some to be used on front row of trees in MPL.
Bill motioned ~ Ross seconded.
- s. Bench at Sinaiko Garden ~ Discussed ~ Unlikely to put a bench in that garden. May re-visit.
- t. Barbara Rushmore Tree Order ~ Discussed.
- u. Cemetery DPW Trees ~ Cedars arriving in the fall to make a "fence" between cemetery garage and burial lots for cremations.

ALL OTHER ITEMS MOVED TO NEXT MEETING.

NEXT MEETING SET FOR 8/11/2015 ~ 4:30 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,
Anika M. Costa, Vice Chair