

January 4, 2016

Town Of Provincetown Beautification Committee

(Approved)

December 2, 2015 Minutes

4:30 PM ~ Meeting called to order.

Present ~ Bill Docker, Anika Costa, Christine Sylvia, Allan Mckinnon, Eric Larsen.

Not present ~ Frank Vasello

- 1). Public Statements ~ None
- 2). Approval of September minutes
- 3). Approval of October minutes
- 4.) Approval of November minutes

\*\*\* Anika motions to approve all listed minutes at end of meeting when Ross is present.

Christine seconds.

5). Treasurer's Report ~ Moved to end of meeting. Ross arrives 4:40 PM.

6). Project Reports

a. Update from Bill on the trailer at bus stop park is that David Gardner says it is due to be removed for unpaid fees. The update on double phone poles that were reported to David Gardner by Bill and Anika is that ownership of each pole i.e. Comcast, Verizon or Eversource must be verified first. Eric reports situation is being rectified.

b. Bill reports that Garden Renovations will place water bag stakes on Grace Hall Slope in the spring.

c. Update on Seaman's Bank request for funds for Pilgrim Park / Lori Meads. Bill spoke to Lori and stated that our committee would like a more definite plan before donating. Amount requested would be more than we could expend from our budget. Eric states that the Pilgrim Park needs paperwork from Mass Department of Transportation.

d. Update on Tree Planting Policy ~ Allan reports on conversation with Tree Warden Rich Waldo. The Mass law is very strict and other communities should be looked at to share tree warden responsibilities, which may help to reduce strictness of law. Further discussion brought up Margaret Murphy, who wants to start a tree planting program. The tree policy should be done by April 2016 and will clarify who can prune, trim or climb ladders on town property. Anika asked how our mission statement fits into the policy and Eric replied that under general law 87-7, trees are planted in a case by case manner; due to review of root systems vs asphalt or sidewalks as well as traffic obstructions, etc. Bill points out the conflict of the state law vs the town's planting wish list.

A memorial tree for Rose "Sunny" Tasha is proposed by Barbara Rushmore through Trees for Town, to be planted in the vicinity of Howland Street & Harry Kemp Way. Bill motions we approve with the suggestion that they provide the water bag. Building & Grounds will water when possible during first year as schedule allows, due to increase of areas to be watered.

Bill makes motion, Anika seconds ~ So voted 5 ~ 0.

e. MPL Garden by Town Pier ~ Bill sent an email to town planner Gloria McPherson but has received no reply. Eric reports that disability committee is interested in having a 10 x 12 shed there to keep wheelchairs, walkers, etc. for tourists. Eric states to locate this shed on the kite shop side of the lot would involve Chapter 91. A joint venture including the shed and a flower garden was proposed and we inform Gloria, as she is the representative to the disability committee.

Item A regarding the trailer in Bus Stop Park was revisited. A formal request to the disability committee and an email to the selectman will be sent to remove and revoke the trailer and any permits. It is mostly unattended and unattractive.

Bill makes motion, Ross seconds ~ So voted 5 ~ 0.

f. Bench Report ~ Christine spoke to Mark and Mike Silva about their decision of where to place a memorial bench at Alden Street lot for their sister Linda Silva. No reply as to putting it in the "lot" at base of High Pole Hill or at Bus Stop Park. At the edge of the Alden Street lot is not a good place due to snow plowing. There is an existing unnamed bench across the street at the base of High Pole Hill. We await the decision of the bench location as well as the wording on the placque from the Silva brothers. This item will be placed on the agenda one more time.

g. Tree Trimming ~ Working Group ~ Anika and Frank ~ Tabled to Spring.

h. 2016 Projects ~ With an annual budget of 10,000.00 and with keeping a reserve of 2,500.00, we discussed expending the funds in the following manner:

1,000.00 ~ Replanting of all barrels  
1,500.00 ~ Library Plantings  
3,000.00 ~ MPL Pier Garden ~ Town Hall Beds  
1,000.00 ~ V.M.C.C.  
1,000.00 ~ Tree Replacements

Further discussion and final decisions will be made at next meeting.

Moved Agenda Items ~ September's minutes approved with typos. Ross motions, Bill seconds ~ So approved 4 ~ 0. October's minutes approved. Ross motions, Bill seconds ~ So approved 3 ~ 0. The November minutes were not available so were tabled to next meeting.

Treasurer's Report ~ No bills to pay. Ross stepping down after this meeting and he has been training Allan to be the treasurer.

Budget ~ 10,565.45                      Gift Fund ~ 3,975.79

Late Entry in notes ~ Project Reports ~ # d Tree Planting Policy ~ John Kracovic is a potential new board member with a wealth of experience. The board awaits his appointment by the selectman and if he is approved, he will be a good resource for the tree planting policy.

6:20 PM Ross motions to adjourn ~ Christine seconds.      Respectfully submitted ~ Anika M. Costa