

THORNTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Monday September 9, 2019

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Attendees: Myra DeLeo, Gerald Gateman, Judy Gutry, Loretta Ickes, Gloria Kimball, Marianne Peabody, Carolyn Piantedosi, Julie Piehn

Julie Piehn called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

The minutes from July 10, 2019 were reviewed and a minor revision was made. Motion was made by Gerry Gateman to accept with the revision. Motion seconded by Carolyn Piantedosi and passed.

Committee introduced themselves to Loretta Ickes and welcomed her as a possible new member.

Old Business:

Scrimshaw Plaque: Marianne Peabody provided the Committee with print-outs of sample plaques. Committee reviewed and chose one to be ordered. Marianne will communicate our choice to the Town Administrator so she can move forward with the process.

Garden Updates: The Committee acknowledged and thanked Julie Piehn, Carolyn Piantedosi, and Marianne Peabody for handling the weeding and mulching of the gardens in front of Town Hall. Judy Gutry also lent her assistance. Doug Johnston donated the nice rock and Julie and Carolyn coordinated the placement. Julie replaced and installed the new solar lights.

Marianne Peabody reported to the Committee that the Board of Selectmen are aware that gardening help is needed and they have discussed soliciting a bid. The Benton's were suggested as a possibility and Julie Piehn mentioned Silva's as a possibility as well. Julie asked Marianne to keep the Committee updated on this issue.

New Business:

Marianne Peabody explained that for transparency purposes, Town policy states that all Town committee members need to be approved and sworn in as members. Committee members signed the required paperwork which will be presented to the Board for approval. Once approved, the Town will contact the individual members to arrange to be sworn in. In addition,

all Committee meeting minutes must be provided to the Town Office to be included on the website. Julie Piehn agreed to handle this.

Julie Piehn agreed to stay on as Chairperson with Carolyn Piantedosi as Vice Chair.

Future Projects: Julie Piehn suggested purchasing new solar lights for the garden near the police station. It was agreed that once gardening duties have been assigned and settled, the Committee would purchase the lights and direct the placement.

Carolyn Piantedosi suggested we continue to maintain the flowers in the trash barrels at the Transfer Station. She agreed to work with Julie Piehn to swap out the summer flowers with fall flowers. Marianne Peabody stated that after the construction is completed the Committee could look at doing other projects for them. Julie mentioned the possibility of providing a new sign but stated that this and any other suggestions for the Transfer Station should get re-visited next year. The Committee agreed.

Other Business:

Julie Piehn updated the Committee on when the Events Committee will hold the annual Christmas Tree lighting. It is currently planned for December 7, 2019. She also suggested that the Committee agree to purchase any additional lights that might be needed. The Committee agreed. Carolyn Piantedosi mentioned that Lee Freeman has volunteered to continue to maintain and trim the tree.

Julie Piehn and Carolyn Piantedosi will notify the Committee of the cost for the Scrimshaw plaque as well as the new flowers for the Transfer Station.

The Committee decided that the meeting scheduled for November 4, 2019 will not be necessary. The next meeting will be held in the spring of 2020.

Gloria Kimball made a motion to adjourn at 7:06. Gerry Gateman seconded. Motion passed.