

## **THORNTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Monday May 13, 2019

Attendees: Myra DeLeo, Marianne Peabody, Carolyn Piantedosi, Julie Piehn

Absent: Gerald Gateman, Gloria Kimball

Note: Committee did not have access to Town Hall so the meeting was moved to Carolyn Piantedosi's house.

Carolyn Piantedosi called the meeting to order at 6:07.

The minutes from November 13, 2018 were reviewed and a motion was made by Marianne Peabody to accept. Motion seconded by Carolyn Piantedosi and passed.

Carolyn Piantedosi provided the Committee with an update on membership. Leslie Hoyt has decided to step down as a member and has stated that she will no longer provide us with gardening services. Ginger Rickman has moved out of town so can no longer be a member. Jim Reynolds has indicated an interest in joining the Beautification Committee but was unable to attend this meeting.

Since Leslie Hoyt will no longer be maintaining the gardens, the Committee agreed to handle the weeding and maintenance for this year. Marianne Peabody will discuss with the Board of Selectmen about recruiting or assigning someone to take over these duties going forward. She will also check with them about providing the mulch that is needed. Carolyn Piantedosi, Marianne Peabody and Julie Piehn agreed to visit and evaluate the condition of the gardens on June 3rd.

Marianne Peabody confirmed that our annual budget for the Committee is \$500.

### **New Business:**

-The Scrimshaw plaque for the front of Town Hall. The plaque will be placed in the garden with the donated lilies. Marianne Peabody will discuss with the Town Administrator about ordering. She will also see about obtaining a catalog so that the committee members can review.

-Possibly planting flowers around the flagpoles. Marianne Peabody informed the Committee that in addition to the existing flagpoles, new ones are going to be installed at the two cemeteries (Pine Grove and Mad River). The Committee decided that since we no longer have anyone to provide gardening services we will hold off on doing any new plantings this year.

-Transfer Station enhancements. Marianne Peabody updated the Committee on the pending construction. The Board of Selectmen is expecting a price from Dumont Construction shortly. Carolyn Piantedosi suggested meeting with either Kevin McGuire or Steve Chiocca in July or September to discuss their vision. Marianne Peabody thought that we might be able go to the Transfer Station and look for ourselves at a time that would be convenient with Kevin and Steve. The Committee thought that window boxes of flowers might be a possibility.

Myra DeLeo made a motion to adjourn at 7:10. Julie Piehn seconded. Motion passed.