

Pittsfield Beautification Committee
Minutes
April 3, 2017

Diana opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Members Present: Diana, Ted, Tina, Nancy, Carol, Gail, Carole, Ryan, Lucien, and Nick

Members Absent: Jason, Justin, Matt, Paula, Pat

Secretary's Report: November minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Tina reviewed the current account balance. Paula generously paid for the new rings for the flag poles so there have been no expenditures. Nancy will check the collection boxes this month.

Nick has offered to mow and do spring clean up at the Aranosian lot. Carole will inform Joe Darrah that he just needs to mow the Washington House lot.

Nick said that there has been quite a bit of interest in creating a dog park and community vegetable garden. There were concerns that the committee is small and though we would support such efforts we would require community members to maintain them. Carole said she would look into available land for a dog park. She also suggested that the land behind the Town Hall may be available for a community garden, although watering would be a problem. In the past Jason has said that land in front of his house could be used as a garden. Many ideas came out about potential sponsorship and the surplus being donated to the Food Pantry. Carol said she would contact UNH Cooperative Extension to see if they have information and resources or perhaps a workshop to launch a community garden.

Tina got in touch with the garden sponsors and reported that Jitters will no longer sponsor a garden which is OK this year since the sidewalk project on Tilton Hill will prevent us from having a garden there. Diamond Signs has expressed interest in sponsoring a garden so they can be contacted when Tilton Hill is rebuilt. Carole will let Ted know when the work will start so that we can remove the rose and transplant to Aranosian. Dan Schroth offered to dismantle the wall and house the stone for us, Ted will contact him.

Nick said the pine tree that was relocated on Aranosian was severely damaged by snow removal. He will make a recommendation to the committee to replace. Diana will speak to George to see if greater care can be taken around the garden areas.

Ted will review his plan for replacing the stone around the Crescent lot and bring a budget to committee.

Ted suggested that maybe someone could help Carole with the flags on holidays since the cub scouts and boy scouts do not appear to be interested. It takes two people and a pick up truck.

Carol, Nick and Ted will meet later this month to see if no dig edging will help keep the mulch out of the stone on Aranosian and perhaps retain more water for the plants on the edge.

Carol will work with Frank on fertilizing and pruning this spring. She will also put Preen down and purchase a new 100 ft hose.

Ted circulated a budget for spring plants from Ledgeview Gardens. He will purchase in late May. It was decided that he would take 2 barrels to the police station, 1 barrel will be placed next to the historical sign at the Aranosian lot and 2 would be placed near the bench.

It was agreed to hold the yard sale at Nancy's House on Saturday May 20th, this would be prior to the Town Wide Yard Sale. Tina thinks that we might be more successful if we were not competing with 4 other towns. Carol will put a letter in the SVS to drop off donations at Nancy's. She will also request new members.

Next month we will discuss that possibility of having a float in the Old Home Day parade as well as putting together the spring planting schedule and a watering schedule.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm. All future meetings have been scheduled for the first Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at Town Hall.