

Pittsfield Beautification Committee
Minutes
May 1, 2017

Diana opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Members Present: Diana, Pat, Tina, Nancy, Carol, Gail, Carole, Lucien, and new members Theresa and Joyce.

Members Absent: Jason, Justin, Matt, Paula, Ted, Nick, and Ryan

Secretary's Report: April minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Tina reviewed the current account balance and read a donors letter of appreciation. She also said that all the garden sponsorships have been paid. Nancy collected from the boxes around town and gave to Tina. As always, Jack's Pizza customers are the most generous. Carol was reimbursed for a new hose and for the edging for the perennial mound and the 2 trees at Aranosian. She suggested that we wait and see if the edging works before investing in putting it around the berms.

Agenda Items:

Nick installed the edging and freshened up the mulch at Aranosian. Carole stated that Nick said he would maintain Aranosian including watering. She also stated that Joe Darrah is aware that, when he comes across them, we want some additional boulders placed around the garden.

Carole said that the community garden project had run into some problems with a big boulder and the swing set, and they will be coming to the Selectboard with a resolution proposal. They received a \$270 donation for a watering solution. Carol suggested, and it was approved, that we start our meeting ½ hour early next month in order to schedule Master Gardener and farmer Ken Cook to talk to us and those on the Community Garden Committee.

Nancy asked that we extend the yard sale to include both Saturday and Sunday and she also wants to have a sale the same day as the Town Wide sale. Carol will change the information for the SVS article(s). It was also agreed that we have food, water and coffee for sale. Set up will be at 6 pm Friday night May 20th. Tina will bring the banner so that we have good signage. Ted usually does the white board signs and Carol has a sign for the corner of Rt. 4. Diana will post on Facebook and Craig's List. Carol will update the Town Crier and post on yardsale.com.

Carole stated that there is no town land for a dog park.

There is no date set yet for the dismantling of the Tilton Hill garden. Dan has agreed to disassemble the wall and George has agreed to store the stones at the Town garage. Carole will let us know as soon as she knows the schedule. It was agreed that if we do not have any more information before the plants are purchased for the season, we will install the garden and just move the plants once we know a date.

Carol talked to Nick about the pine tree at Aranosian, he had seen it when it was laden with snow, however there was no damage done, so he agreed we should leave it and that the "hole" will eventually fill in.

Ted was not there to provide any update on changing out the stone at Crescent St.

Carole said we need to replace the flag at Washington House lot. She also suggested that we take it down and store it in the winter. It was approved that she purchase a 5x8 nylon flag.

It was agreed that we would host an educational booth at Old Home Day on July 22nd instead of a float for the parade. We can sell plants and we will ask Frank and/or Nick to provide us with a nice flower display to raffle off. Carol will prepare educational material on the plants that are in our gardens. Gail said she had quite a few empty pots of all sizes if anyone needs any.

Ted and Tina will pick up the spring flowers on May 24th. Carol will contact Ted next week to check with him about the timing and whether he was planning on planting them that day. She will then get an email out to everyone to see who is available. Carole will have the barrels in place by then.

The Girl Scouts will be asked to pick up litter that finds it's way into the gardens, especially Aranosian where there are many cigarette butts. Carol is going to have a "please no smoking" sign made for the bench area.

The watering schedule was put together and Carol will send it out to everyone on Tuesday along with an updated Committee contact list. Carole stated that Nick said he would take care of Aranosian, so we will just need to water the 3 small gardens and weed the Washington House lot. Although Paula will not be on the schedule because of her traveling schedule, in the past she has always helped out where needed.

We welcomed our newest members Joyce and Theresa.

The meeting ended at 7:00 pm. The June 5th meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and will be followed by a presentation from Ken Cook about Community Gardens.