

1-10-24 Minutes of the Halifax Beautification Committee

Members in attendance: Shirley Graf - Chairperson (SG), Amy Troup (AT) – member, Jeremy Gillespie (JG) - member, Wendy Greico (WG) - member, Tina Palmer (TP)– Secretary

Meeting convened at 5:04 pm

Minutes from 11/15/23 and 12/13/23 reviewed and after addition of AT's name to part of annual report, minutes were accepted unanimously.

Margaret Fitzgerald Garden

- The \$1500 came in from Tom Fitzgerald for maintenance and continuing addition to the garden.
- SG drafted a thank you to Candace Kniffen for being the contact between the committee and the family, and to Tom Fitzgerald for his generous gift.
- TP created a draft of a five-year plan for the garden. The committee approved the suggestions and will work on creating a plan of what the garden will look like. AT has the original layout created by Tomasi Nursery when the garden was first created. JG will help us create an updated layout once we have viewed the Tomasi plan.
- JG will also contact Scott Materna (Building and Grounds) to talk about how to get irrigation into the garden. As of now, volunteers have been watering.
- CMAC: SG drafted a letter to them to see if they would like to continue caring for the garden, either as a volunteer service or under a contract. If they answer they would like to work under a contract, we will send them an updated contract with some very specific actions that need to take place to keep the present bushes from dying.

Burrage Hike

- Our first annual First Day Hike was well attended: approximately 40 people participated. Many walkers asked when the next one would happen.
- We will sponsor a "Spring Equinox Hike" on March 23, 2024 in the Burrage.
- Other possible places for future sponsored walks: Striar Conservation area on 105, and the old Y-Camp property.

Other

- The Committee voted to pay the \$80 for the Fall Clean Up dumpster.
- Earth Fest will happen on May 18, 2024. We will be looking to see if some of the vendors who sold food at the Farmers Markets would like to join us.
- **Old Ladies Against Underwater Litter** – will give a talk open to the public on March 13, 2024 in Mtg Room 1 at 6:30 pm (after the HBC meeting).

Next meeting: February 14, 2024 in the Town Hall Kitchen

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Minutes approved unanimously – 2-14-24