

Halifax Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9th 2019

Location: Halifax Town Hall Selectmans' Meeting Room

Call to order at 1pm

Present Candace Kniffen, Jeanne Kling, Nancy Botelho, Amy L. Troup, Greg Cowan

Going Over Minutes and discussing how the minutes are to be

Jeanne discussed 3 possibilities for the committee to run by

1. Keep the same where Jeanne Kling is the Chairperson
Amy L. Troup is the secretary
2. Rotate the Secretary
3. Jeanne as secretary and rotate the chair

*Talked about secretarial styles and how they differentiate with each person

Candace Kniffen had spoken to Charlie Seelig on other ways that a board can run.

Charlie Seelig believes that motions should be labeled on who motioned and seconded.

The Board decided to stay as they are organized and that all motions will be re-read as written in the secretaries notes for accuracy.

MOTION: Greg Cowan: Motion to accept the October 21st, 2019 meeting minutes with corrections

2nd Candace Kniffen

All in favor

November 4th 2019 minutes

Amy L. Troup to make 3 changes and bring to the next meeting in January for approval

MOTION: Greg Cowan motioned for bringing November 4th 2019 meeting minutes with changes for the committee's approval to the next meeting for approval

2nd Jeanne Kling

All in Favor

Fall 2019 Clean up day follow up

89-90 people signed up to participate on The Halifax Beautification FaceBook Page

Well over 100 showed up and cleaned up on November 16th 2019

The Map of the locations cleaned up is in the mailbox at the town hall.

United Way bags will be given back to Dennis Carmen. The bags we are thankful for however, they are too big and the ply is thick.

CMAC Sign for the 58/106 Island Sponsorship

Amy L. Troup is going to have it installed by the next meeting in January

Garden Maintenance update

Candy was talking about how she was going to invite the Parks department to a future meeting

The Town will have to plan a way to take care of the Gardens for Peg Fitzgerald and the Library Memorial Garden

Maybe simply need to notify the selectman that the gardens need to be cared for.

Postpone the invitation to the Parks Department

There will be a bill to pay from the Peg Fitzgerald Memorial Garden account in the amount \$150, which is the 2nd half of 2019 maintenance contract amount owed to C-Mac

Candy will be checking with the accountant's office:

- Update of the Beautification Committee Account
- Garden account

MOTION: Amy L. Troup made a motion to pay C-Mac 50% of the contract for the fall clean up

2nd: Nancy Botelho

All in favor

Plastic bag bylaw update:

- The Senate is now looking at a State law regarding plastic bags
- Green Network has tons of emails about the proposed law
- The Governor may not sign the bill

We will keep on distributing the letter of tips to implement the by law and the by law to local businesses as planned

Talked about announcing the March 1st 2020 by law in the Express, The Buzz Around and on the electronic board.

Jeanne agreed to notify the Express and The Buzz Around.

Adopt a Planter

Candy Drafted a Thank you letter

Candy's letter reads:

The Halifax Beautification Committee thanks you for participating in the "Adopt a Planter" program this year. 27 planters were planed and drew many compliments throughout the summer. Several of you replanted your planters with fall plants, mostly mums, which also looked lovely. We hope you will continue to participate in this program next spring!

Planters should be stored inside by you this winter

We will contact you in the Spring within planting time arrives. We are hoping to be able to provide one or more vendors who will provide plants at a discounted price for those of you who have adopted a planter. We are working on this now and will have more information in the spring.

Again, our sincere thanks for your beautification efforts on behalf of the town of Halifax!

We hope you have the happiest of Holidays

MOTION: Amy L. Troup made a motion to approve Candace Kniffen's letter to thank "Adopt a planters" program participants

2nd: Nancy Botelho

All in Favor

Nancy thought it was a great idea to post on our FaceBook page to drain or empty rain barrels for the winter and Share to Halifax Locals pages

Jeanne will post!

Extra Reusable Bags from Mutual Bank and Halifax Clean up day

MOTION: Nancy Botelho motioned to distribute the reusable bags to local organizations and at Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Stop and Shop

2nd: Greg Cowan

All in favor

Tentative Date for Spring 2020 Clean up

Scheduled for April 25th 2020

Future Meeting to discuss:

Recycle Smart Keep Massachusetts Beautiful (\$125 fee for 2019 fee)

Next meeting scheduled for: January 13th 2020 at 1pm to 2:30 in the Selectman's Meeting Room

Bill pay

MOTION: by Candace Kniffen

Motion to pay the exact amount to reimburse Candace Kniffen in the amount of \$195.84 for paying 4Imprint for reusable bags, March 1st 2020

2nd: Nancy Botelho

All in Favor

MOTION: Amy L. Troup motion to adjourn

2nd: Jeanne Kling

All in Favor