

11-15-23 Minutes of the Halifax Beautification Committee

Members in attendance: Shirley Graf - Chairperson (SG), Amy Troup (AT) – member,
Tina Palmer (TP)– Secretary

Guests: Cesar Calouro - IT; Wendy Greico – interviewee for 5th position on HBC

Meeting convened at 5:07 p.m.

- Cesar filled us in on several tasks we had asked about. TP now has access to HBC web page on the Halifax site and can upload announcements and meeting minutes. Also, the video of the Burrage Talk by Aaron Best should be online now.
- Motion made and seconded to accept the application of Wendy Grieco to fill the 5th position on the HBC. Unanimous vote. Shirley will pass this on to the selectmen.

Bulb planting

- Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. - any members available will plant bulbs at the triangle at intersections of Rt. 106 and 58.
- AT will check with Candace Kniffen about the original plan for the Margaret Fitzgerald Memorial Garden: can we plant bulbs there as well?

Burrage Talk and Walk and others

- This multiple phase event was very well received. It has been suggested that we do other events like these.
- Suggestions:
 - Waterways in Halifax: where can we kayak and canoe?
 - Meet-ups in the Burrage: Join us for a walk on such and such a date.
 - What other places in town could we feature and then walk as a group? (or possibly nearby towns?)
 - Someone to come talk about Mr. Burrage and the history of Burrage Wildlife Management Area.

Spring Events

- Spring Cleanup: April 13 – 28. SG would like us to stress safety for this next cleanup (see Handout 1). Safety fliers would be handed out at spring Boy Scout bottle drive and at any of the weekends the HBC hands out trash bags for cleanup.
- EarthFest – rather than doing on Earth Day, SG suggested we should have it coincide with the first Farmer's Market of the season (May 18? May 25?)

HBC Funds

- Margaret Fitzgerald Garden Balance: \$3249.91
- Gift Fund: \$1036.00
- Fiscal Fund: \$ 481.99 (dumpster will be \$35 but bill not received yet)

Next meeting: 12/13/23 at 5 pm at Town Hall Kitchen

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm

Minutes approved unanimously 1/10/24