

8-23-23 Minutes of the Halifax Beautification Committee – with 2 attachments

Members in attendance: Shirley Graf - chairperson (SG), Jeremy Gillespie (JG) - member,
Amy Troup (AT)– member, Tina Palmer (TP)– secretary

Also in attendance: Cesar Calouro, IT (CC)

Meeting convened at 5:05 p.m.

- Minutes of the 7-26-23 meeting were approved unanimously.
- AT will bring the 6-6-23 minutes to the next meeting so we can approve.

IT related topics

- Cesar had several bits of IT information to pass on to us. First: there are 2 email addresses. One (beautification@halifax-ma.org) is used if people outside need to email the committee. The other (HALIFAXBeautificationCommittee@halifax-ma.org) is used to email the group members of the committee.
- HBC posts notices on other (private) Halifax Facebook pages. CC told us it was ok to post, but not to engage in any back and forth comments other than point of information type comments.
- AT will update the the HBC Facebook account, allowing JG, SG, and TP to also post on our Facebook page.
- The committee inquired of CC about an Instagram account. CC is going to look in to this so that it will be set up correctly to start with and not have difficult time switching administrators etc.

Fiscal Accounts

- See **Handout 1** for the names of accounts and the amounts in each account.
- The expense account is for the fiscal year only.
- People can donate to the Margaret Fitzgerald Garden and the Beautification accounts

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- AT is still having trouble communicating with the company. JG will try to contact and speak to them about upkeep and planting of the fall annuals in the Margaret Fitzgerald Garden.

Other topics

- SG suggested we have a table at the Sept 30 Farmers Market to advertise the Fall Clean Up. We could give out T-shirts and bags on that date (10-12ish). This will also be a good time to have a map and have people commit to cleaning up certain areas. Motion made (AT), seconded by JG, all approved.
- The Fall Clean Up week will be from 10/14/23 to 10/22/23. HBC will hand out T-shirts and bags at the Town Hall from 9-12 Saturday 10/14.
- The HBC will also host a Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area Talk and Walk. SG will be in touch with Aaron Best about this, but the committee proposes: a Talk with Mr. Best about the Burrage on Wednesday 10/11, followed by a hosted walk featuring Mr. Best on Saturday 10/14 beginning at 1:30 pm. Walkers will meet at the Halifax entrance on Elm St.

Next meeting of the HBC will be on 9/13/2023

Motion to adjourn (JG), seconded (AT), all approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

These minutes were approved unanimously at the 9/13/23 meeting.

9/23/23 Meeting Ideas For Fall 2024 Clean-Up week

When???

Possible contacts to make to help or expand the area covered

- 1) Monponsett Watershed Association- Ask them to have a clean-up day in conjunction with HBC. Contact Jaime Stewart
- 2) Boy Scout Update
- 3) Girl Scouts- Ask them to maybe do the 2 cemeteries off 105 and 106. Does anyone have any contact information?
- 4) Halifax Meadows Condominium Board- Ask them to clean up stretch of RT 106 from 58 to Dr. Hopkins, both sides of the street (Call Joanne Harris?)
- 5) Twin Lakes Condominium Board- Ask them to clean up from Twin Lakes condominium entrance down to Lindy's (ask Jaime Stewart)
- 6) Contact Holy Apostles Church- request that they clean up the surrounding neighborhood (Sue Bruno)
- 7) Halifax Congregational Church- Ask them to clean-up along 106 from church to ball field. Contact Candace Kniffen
- 8) Halifax Historical Society- Ask them to clean- up stretch along South Street by old schoolhouse from route 106 to Carver Street (Contact John and/or Judy Shea)
- 9) Town Sports teams – ask them to clean up perimeters of ball fields at HES, Police Station and Summit Street Field. Contact Dick Steele for suggestions.
- 10) Tina do e-mail blast with HBC e-mail
- 11) Ask Cesar to put day on board by Fire Department.
- 12) Contact Buzzaround *Tina*
- 13) Contact Plympton Halifax Kingston Express *Tina*
- 14) Contact Green Hanson to see if they would like to have a clean-up day in Hanson as well.
- 15) Contact Pembroke Watershed Association to see If they would like to have a clean-up day as well.
- 16) Contact Tracy Marino, selectwoman of Pembroke to see if Pembroke could have a clean-up day that day as well.
- 17) Flower and Soul- contact to see they will do an employee group clean up

- 18) Halifax Democratic Committee- Contact Ellen Snoyenbus and ask to ask for group assistance
- 19) Halifax Republican Committee- Contact Summer Schmaling and ask for group assistance
- 20) HES – contact principal to see if they could send out an e-mail to parents.
- 21) Rockland Trust – ask if they will do an employee team clean up
- 22) North Easton Bank – ask if they will do an employee team clean up