

10-11-23 Minutes of the Halifax Beautification Committee

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

Meeting convened at 5:48 p.m.

Burrage Talk and Walk:

- We signed the Thank You card for Aaron Best, Land Steward Biologist for the Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area, prior to his talk.
- Walk will happen on Sunday regardless of weather: 1:30 p.m. at the Halifax entrance to Burrage.

Fall Clean-Up:

- Tina Williams has volunteered to create and donate a big sign advertising the Fall Cleanup week. It will be placed on the town green for the entire week. Committee voted unanimously to accept this donation.

Margaret Fitzgerald Garden

- Amy will contact CMAC about fall cleanup for the garden
- Committee voted unanimously to have SG spend no more than \$50 to purchase mums for the garden.

Other:

- SG was made aware that there are several businesses in town who are not adhering to the by-law that states no plastic bags to customers.
- SG drafted a letter to Highway Surveyor Hayward (who is responsible for making sure this by-law is enforced.) (See Handout 1)

Next meeting: Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. in Selectmen's meeting room.

Meeting adjourned: 6:07 p.m.

Minutes unanimously accepted at 11/15/23 meeting

HANDOUT 1 from 10/11/23 meeting

10/12/23

Dear Mr. Hayward,

The Halifax Beautification Committee would like to thank you for all the support you and the highway department have given over many years for the Clean-Up days and weeks by securing dumpsters and when needed picking up larger littered items and/or larger piles of litter.

The committee has been made aware that at least 3 retail establishments in town are in violation of Chapter 233 of Halifax's By-Laws. This by-law bans plastic carryout bags. Rodney's Kitchen , Twin Lakes Liquor, and Happy Dragon Chinese Restaurant are utilizing plastic bags at check out. The by-law states that the Highway Surveyor is responsible for the enforcement of this by-law.

The committee requests that you contact these businesses to demand immediate adherence to this by-law and to follow through to make sure that the businesses continue to adhere to the by-law.

Thank you very much!

The Halifax Beautification Committee