

The Halifax Beautification Committee

Minutes from March 21 2023 meeting

5pm in Meeting room two at the Halifax Town hall

Meeting called to order at 5:12pm

Reading of the agenda by Amy L. Troup

Motion to accept the agenda as read by Jeremy Gillespie

2nd by Shirley Graf All in favor

Members present Amy L. Troup, Shirley Graf, Diane Salvetti and Jeremy Gillespie

Earth Week discussions on where we were at

Jeremy sent the flyer. A little brushing up and we will print

Peg fitzgerald garden contract was gone over

Amy already informed C-Mac that we need the garden cleaned up by the 22nd of April

She also asked if they want to participate in Earth Day

Brushing up on how much the contract will be for and we will execute it with C-Mac

Next meeting: April 4 2023 at 5pm in Meeting room 2

Diane Salvetti

Shirley Graf

[Signature]

Date 4.4.2023

3/21/23 Meeting

Spring Fest for April 22, 2023

*1- 4th 5th and 6th Grade essay winners speak on plastic pollution litter and give out \$50 prize and a nice reusable water bottle. **Karyn Townsend did 15 minute presentations at HBC 3/10 from 11:30 to 2pm for 4th-6th graders. Students were given options for projects essays. The essays/projects will be submitted in paper form to the town hall. Karen would like a table at the fair to showcase the students' works. She is only available from 12-2. She asks that reading of essays be at noon.** *Keep at Noon 4-0*

*2-Conservation Board Table with environmental issues **Amy**

3-Girl Scout Table - possibly ask them to provide crafts for attendees with recycled items like plastic bottles, toilet paper rolls etc
OR run games 1/30 SG CALLED HES- HES WILL CONTACT GIRL SCOUT LEADER WITH MY PHONE NUMBER 2/13 no luck contacting GS Leader

*4-Boy Scout Bottle and Food Drive is from (8-1?) **Could we contact BS to add info onto the slips they tape to mail boxes?**

*add event
Bottle Drive
Hours*

✓ 5-Pony Rides- 1/27/22 **SG CONTACTED TERRI CARMEN - SHE WILL OFFER PONY RIDES. Reserve corner of town green by parking lot and across from cemetery** *back corner*

✓ 6-Corn Hole, Bocce (SG Has set), Croquet (SG has set) **Lauren Gillespie** ♥

7-Green Hanson Table - **SG Maureen Twomey will be offering a simple terrarium project from used CD cases.**

8-Historical Society- RE Burrage History **Amy** *3/12*

*9-Nessarella Table- ~~selling fresh produce~~ - **Amy What will they be selling?**

10-Display and info with Cigarette Butts - Shirley Graf

11-Display and info with Plastic Water Bottles **Shirley Graf Amy will bring skeleton, Colby will bring blow up pool**

12-Display and info with Nips Shirley Graf

13 Display on plastic straws Shirley Graf **SUGGESTION TO DO DEMONSTRATION OF 365 STRAWS LINED UP TO SHOW WHAT A DAILY HABIT OF TAKE OUT LOOKS LIKE COMPARED WITH THE LENGTH OF A FOOTBALL FIELD**

*14- 4H Dog training **Chistine Spence has a son involved with a 4H Dog Club. They are planning to come SG**

15- Phil Clemons- info on local walking trails 1/25/23 **PHIL IS TOO BUSY**

16-Ask someone to come from Burrage to give out information about Burrage **SG spoke with Aaron the land steward. Unfortunately, he will be on vacation that week.**

17-Silver Lake Recycling Club 1/25/23 SG CALLED HS AND LEFT MESSAGE FOR SOMEONE TO CALL ME BACK
SL DOES NOT HAVE A RECYCLING CLUB

18 Plymouth Beekeepers Display- Colby Silva 1/25/23 SG CALLED MARTIN TOUHEY.
HE MIGHT BE INTERESTED BUT COULD NOT COMMIT TO ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.
MIGHT BE BETTER TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE 3/16 SG E-MAIL CLIFFORD YOUSE- HE
WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH PLYMOUTH COUNTY BEEKEEPERS

19 Marc Valentine Flag Display Amy

20 Invasive Species Table - Jeremy Gillespie

*21 Music 1/25 AND 1/30 SG SPOKE WITH ALLAN PALMER AND DENNIS CARMAN.
THEY ARE DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN COMING TO SING AND PLAY GUITAR. Where
do you want to suggest that they set up?

*22 Massage Table Amy

*23 Water Fountain Table -Colby Silva

24 Cub Scouts

25 Adopt a Planter Amy Should HBC try to rejuvenate the 4 planters at the town
hall?

26 PETTING ZOO- 1/25/23 TERRI CARMAN WILL WORK ON TRYING TO GET
OTHER ANIMALS TO THE TOWN GREEN FOR THE EVENT

27 TRACTOR SUPPLY- SG HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH TRACTOR SUPPLY.
MAKENSIE THE MANAGER, SAID THEY COULD DEFINITELY DO A DISPLAY ON HOW TO
RAISE CHICKENS AND HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. DUE TO LIABILITY ISSUES
THEY WILL PROBABLY NOT BRING LIVE CHICKS. MAKENSIE WILL ASK AN EMPLOYEE
THAT HAS GOATS TO BRING THEM.

*28Hidden Gem Homestead -Rebecca Roberts and employee of Tractor Supply
will bring a friendly mama goat and 3 babies and baby chicks and eggs to sell

32 FLY FISHING TABLE- JEREMY

33 CRAFTS OR ARTWORK WITH RECYCLED ITEMS

34 SLRHS Horticulture Program plan to come and sell house plants and will have
a display about the Horticulture Program

35 SLRHS Art Dept- SG contacted Kelly Despaqua but has not heard back.

36 SLRHS Science Department SG contacted but has not heard back from

*37 Donna White FB Messaged Last year at vendor fair had table about fostering
children. Does want to have a table for fostering. Asked again about 2nd table. She does
wood burning. SG messaged 3/14 and 3/21

Re: Sports Cool Drink Water Station / Water Bottle Refill

handout #2

Steele, Richard <Richard.Steele@halifax-ma.org>

Sat 3/18/2023 8:12 PM

To: Graf, Shirley <Shirley.Graf@halifax-ma.org>

I will check with the local youth groups on your questions.

I do know the bubbler was vandalized a number of times.

A drinking station would not last 24/7. Someone would have to be responsible for taking it home.

I will check on these questions this week.

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From: Graf, Shirley <Shirley.Graf@halifax-ma.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 3:36:21 PM

To: Steele, Richard <Richard.Steele@halifax-ma.org>

Subject: Sports Cool Drink Water Station / Water Bottle Refill

Dear Mr. Steele,

Last year I joined the Halifax Beautification Committee. When I joined, I expressed an interest in trying to educate Halifax residents regarding plastic waste, particularly single use water bottles. Colby Silva joined the committee at the same time. Ms Silva had noticed that the water bubbler at the ballfield/playground had been removed. She hoped that the HBC could attempt to try to raise funds for a new water bubbler/water bottle refill station thereby reducing the amount of single use water bottles utilized. The water fountain/water bottle refill stations look fantastic but cost thousands of dollars.

A couple of weeks ago, I talked with Joe Leaver, executive vice president of Old Colony YMCA in East Bridgewater. The YMCA has 3 indoor water bottle refill/bubbler stations. I asked him if there was one outside. He said, "Oh no, they are far too expensive." He said the YMCA provides all campers with reusable water bottles and that the YMCA had purchased Drinking Stations. Drinking stations come with filters and can easily be brought in for the winter or moved around as needed. The cost of one of these is well under \$600.

Do you know why the water bubbler was removed?

What do the sports camps and sports teams in Halifax use for hydration right now?

Is there access to water at the HES ball field, the field next to the police station, the Summit Street ball field and to HOPS for drinking stations to be hooked into or for a water bubbler/ bottle refill stations to be installed?

Do you think it is reasonable that a drinking station could be left out 24/7 in the spring/summer/fall at the either the HES ballfield or at HOPS for the general public to use?

Below are links to the two different concepts. At this point these are mere ideas and do not necessarily represent an exact model of what the committee would want to try to pursue. I am just trying to gather information.

Thank you for any information you can provide.

Take Care!

Shirley Graf

781-267-9789

<https://www.prodrinkingfountains.com/elkay-lk4408bf-outdoor-bottle-filling-station/>

https://www.amazon.com/CoolSports-1240436-Sports-Drink-Station/dp/B0018OKH0A/ref=asc_df_B0018OKH0A/?

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38) Clothes recycling/swap Sarah Sloat

39) Book swap - 3/6 SG e-mailed Jeannie Kling

40) Jones River Watershed Association – SG spoke with Pine Dubois. Did not think that she could help out but asked that I send an e-mail.

41) You Again- Colby

*42) Lobster Fisherman Group Amy What is name of group?

MLA

43) Jenny Grist Mill Amy

*44) Conventional States Amy

*45) Hunts Photo SG sent e-mail 3/15 did not hear back

*46) Halifax Museum Open – Amy

47) Wild Birds Unlimited

48) Garand of Plastic

SG has asked Jeanne Kling if she has a schematic for last year's vendor fair.

49) Diane Pfas expert

DONATION BOXES

E-MAIL BLAST WITH INFORMATION

Clean Up Week Organization

3/21 SG e-mailed Don Barrows of Monponsett Watershed Association to ask if he could organize a pond clean-up

3/21 Jaime Stewart will put Clean Up info on Twin Lakes Facebook page

3/21 SG messaged Sue Bruno to ask that she and John litter bust near the Catholic Church during Clean-Up week. Sue thinks they are available to litter bust that are.

What do we want to do about signs? Amy

Flyers

SG HAS POSTED NEW MAP ON FACEBOOK TO ASK PEOPLE TO COMMIT TO CLEANING UP A STREET. SO FAR ABOUT 12 PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED TO CLEANING UP ABOUT 10 MILES OF ROADWAY.

