

The Halifax Beautification Committee

Meeting Minutes for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 5pm

Where: meeting room 2

In attendance: Shirley Graf, Jeremy Gillespie, Amy L. Troup

Opened the meeting at 5:06pm

Motion to accept the agenda as read by Jeremy

2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley and all were in favor 3 to 0

Motion to have 3 checks cut out for \$50 each out of the HBC Fiscal Account for the 3 Essay Contest Winners made by Shirley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy All were in Favor 3 to 0

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Madison Balboni

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Joshua Grispi

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Peyton Sciulli

The Committee decided to see if the memorial day parade / Steve Littleton would allow the winners to read their essays aloud at the memorial day parade. Amy will contact Steve

Amy will contact Kayne Beaudry to discuss the winners, getting them their rewards and the Memorial Day Parade if Steve Littleton/Memorial Day Parade committee allow for it

Find out from the Board of Selectman what is going on with the garden by the main entrance. Is it going to be Memorialized for Cathy Drinan? Or not? Or where it is in the process.

Make sure that we are on the agenda for Madison Balboni to present to the BOS that she wants her tree to be planted at the town hall. What is the process?

Earth Day Fest Overview by the committee and from feedback

The Beautification Committee Members have agreed that it is important to recognize that only one selectman attended Earth Fest on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There were not any other elected officials present that were not on the beautification committee

That there was not a lot of attendance of town employees, besides the committee member and Selectman Selig. This was determined to be from the division of the town and the moral of the town standing together in support and community. A town divided.

That maybe the lower percentage of attendance from the town was due to the weather.

Lack of food was said: The board agrees that next year we could look into low trash producing food trucks could be looked for. The reason we did not have food trucks this year was due to how much trash they produce.

Maureen from green hanson thought the event went great

The Raffle and Donation Money was \$86. Shirley was giving to the town accountant for deposit in the donation account for the Beautification Committee

See handout #1

Chart on meeting and attendance of the meetings

Water Fountain Idea

Shirley discussed the fountain idea with Dick Steele for Youth and Recreation

According to Mr. Dick Steele the idea for a fountain had a lot of pitfalls listed below:

- Wonders if a station of water would be sanitary.
- Thought a refilling station would be vandalized.
- There is a fountain inside the building
- That most programs were being held inside
- The snack shack/concession stand sells bottle water and that would be hindered.
- The reason there are not trash barrels is in hope that people will take their trash home with them.

Shirley believes the idea of the fountain refilling station is a great idea with a lot of obstacles.

The committee decided that it was a lot of work to get the refill fountain idea to come to reality, especially with the idea not being looked at great by Youth and Recreation

Approved meeting minutes for April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Jeremy Gillespie motioned approval of the minutes as written

Shirley Graf 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

3 to 0 in approval of the minutes. They were signed and will be posted.

Shirley asked Amy why there were not any minutes on the website.

Jeremy and Amy told her to ask that of the Town Clerk.

The meeting minutes of the passed minutes approved were on hand to show they had been given to the Town Clerks office.

Next Meeting: May 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 5pm in Meeting Room 2

Motion to adjourn made by Jeremy Gillespie at 6:11pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirley Graf

3 to 0

Handwritten signatures of Shirley Graf and Jeremy Gillespie. Shirley's signature is at the top, and Jeremy's is below it, both in cursive script.