

HALIFAX BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 1:06. Present: Greg Cowan, Jeanne Kling, Candy Kniffen, Nancy Botelho
Absent: Amy Troup

Minutes: On a motion by Jeanne, seconded by Greg, the minutes of 12/9 were approved. Candy abstained. On a motion by Jeanne, seconded by Greg, the minutes of 1/13/20 were unanimously approved.

Budget/Bills – Jeanne updated the Committee on the account balances – Beautification Expenses - \$179.16, and the Fitzgerald Garden Gift Account -\$4213.75. The Fitzgerald Account, at this point, is only available for expenditures related to the garden. Candy reported that because the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee are into their busiest time of year preparing for Town Meeting, she did not schedule time on their agendas to discuss perpetual care of the Peg Fitzgerald and Ruth Perkins Memorial Gardens. It was agreed that this would be done after the May 2020 Town Meeting.

Sign Placement – The sign for the island at Rt. 58/106 has not yet been placed. Discussion was postponed because Amy was not present, and she has the sign.

Reusable Bag Bylaw update: Jeanne reported that she had placed a March 1, 2020 reminder on social media and in the newspapers. Candy suggested meeting with the Highway Surveyor to bring him up to speed on the Committee's efforts regarding publication and communication of the March 1 implementation date. She agreed to set a meeting and will report back at the next BC meeting. She will also offer to draft a letter for first time violators if that would help. Jeanne reported that there are some reusable bags left with the town seal on them that can be distributed. It was agreed that she would ask the Town Clerk if they could be distributed to early voters for the Massachusetts Primary. Other venues for distribution will be considered in order to bring attention to the March 1 implementation. The Easton Savings Bank has donated additional bags and is distributing them at the bank.

Spring Clean-up: On a motion by Candy, seconded by Nancy, the updated flyer, for the April 25, 2020 clean-up day was approved unanimously. Candy agreed to send the file to We Print Today and have 20 copies of the flyer made for distribution. After some discussion and consideration, it was moved by Nancy and seconded by Jeanne that neither rain barrels nor composters be sold at this year's clean-up day. The motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that, since composters are sold at the recycling center, perhaps one could be displayed at town hall on that day, with information on composting. Jeanne shared composting information wheel cards, donated by Kathy Drinan, that will be available to distribute. The purchase of t-shirts for clean-up day was discussed. Jean will draft a letter seeking business sponsors to be acknowledged on the back of the shirts. A donation of \$25 for sponsorship was agreed upon. Jeanne will also find out if there is an additional charge for putting sponsors on the shirts. On a motion by Greg, seconded by Candy, it was voted to spend the remaining funds in the expense budget on t-shirts for clean-up day.

Keep Massachusetts Beautiful membership renewal: Jeanne reported that dues in the amount of \$125 have been paid to renew the Keep Massachusetts Beautiful membership. On a motion by Jeanne,

seconded by Nancy, the Committee voted unanimously to nominate resident Shirley Graf for the Keep Massachusetts Beautiful "Litter Buster Award". Shirley has picked up more than 3000 nip bottles along area roads and has worked tirelessly to promote the pending bill adding nips to the bottle bill. This award is given at the KMB annual Gala on April 2, 2020.

Jeanne reported that she has registered the Beautification Committee as a partner with Recycle Smart as authorized at the last BC meeting.

A discussion took place regarding expanding the Beautification Committee to 7 members. Greg agreed to compose an email to be distributed to residents who have supported the Committee's efforts in the past. The intent will be to see if there are any on that list interested in serving. Because this requires a bylaw change by Town Meeting, and the deadline for submission is March 1, it was agreed that Jeanne would submit this as an article for the Town Meeting Warrant. Doing this allows that the article can be acted upon or passed over but will come before Town Meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: March 16, 2020, April 6, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Kniffen