

Halifax Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2020

Jeanne Kling, Adrian Barclay, Michelle Barclay & Kristen Lofstrom in attendance.

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 3:07. Adrian seconded. All were in favor.

1. Jeanne made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 26 meeting as written. Adrian seconded. All were in favor.

2. The town accountant sent Jeanne the budget update as follows:

General fund-\$335.05

Gift fund for general purposes-\$2

Peg Fitzgerald Garden Fund-\$4,037.50

3. Jeanne made a motion to pay CMAC for their fall cleanup of the Peg Fitzgerald Garden in the amount of \$150. Adrian seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. We discussed Spring Clean-Up Day and tentatively set a date for Saturday April 24th, but have not made it official. If possible, we would like to schedule it on the same day as the Great Massachusetts Clean-Up.

5. We spoke about the No-Trash November event on the committee Facebook page.

6. We spoke about town resident Shirley Graf winning the Keep Massachusetts Beautiful Litter Buster of the Year Award. In response to her award, she wrote a letter to the committee requesting that we support an article to ban nips in Halifax. It was discussed at length by the committee and decided that it would be impossible to take any action at this time due to time constraints. We discussed the possibility of reaching out to the community for ideas on handling the nip problem after our next meeting. Jeanne agreed to update Shirley on our decision to table the discussion.

7. Jeanne pointed out that Amy Troup (Secretary) hasn't made it to the past three meetings. She made a motion that she would reach out to Amy to determine if she wants to continue on the committee. Adrian seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8. Candace Kniffen and Jeanne put greens in several planters around town as part of the Adopt-a-Planter program. Jeanne made a motion to contact other adoptees to see if they want to add greens to their planters for the winter. Kristen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

9. Jeanne informed us that the annual report from the committee is due from her on January 8th. She will send updates on the bag ban, clean-up day and planter program. She will also make note that Stop 'n Shop and Walmart in Halifax

continued to use paper bags during the reusable bag ban, even though the plastic bag ban had been suspended.

10. The next meeting will be held on February 1st at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

11. Jeanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4 p.m. Adrian seconded the motion. All were in favor.