

## **Meeting Minutes- Halifax Beautification Committee June 10, 2019**

**Present:** Candace Kniffen, Greg Cowan, Amy Troup, Nancy Botelho, Jeanne Kling, Shirley Graf

*Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m.*

**Bills/Budget:** A motion was made and unanimously approved to transfer the remaining \$50 balance (pending no additional bills) from the Halifax Beautification Committee account to the Peg Fitzgerald Memorial Garden account to help pay for the CMac sign. An aluminum sign has been ordered through John Campbell. Also, Candy will be contacting Barbara Donato at CMac to be sure that the foreman has a copy of the garden contract re: maintenance expectations for the garden. Also, CMac decided not to do any maintenance on the Rt 106/58 island without having a contract.

**The Plastic Bag Bylaw** will not be in effect until after February 2020, pending certification/approval. We will be waiting to contact businesses until the fall. HBC members were asked to collect samples of bags for the next meeting. This will be to help judge which bags are “ok” for distribution by retail establishments according to our bylaw.

**Rain Barrels:** Nancy was overseeing the delivery of the rain barrels today at the Highway Dept. She took inventory and Steve Hayward/Highway Dept staff delivered them to the Recycling Center. They will be distributed beginning tonight and during normal recycling hours this week. Nancy reported that 33 rain barrels were sold, she had already delivered 4 and 15 people were planning to pick theirs up tonight.

**Adopt-a-Planter:** There are still several planters left. Candy has delivered some. Jeanne will send out information about planters via Facebook and also through the email contact list. “There are several town departments and businesses that would look lovely with the planters.”

**The 5/20/19 Minutes:** A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the May 20, 2019 Minutes as written.

**Other:** Shirley Graf attended the meeting again and shared a letter that she had written that was published by the Plympton-Halifax Express about nip bottles and litter. She would like to see Rep. Hunt’s bill passed (House Bill #2881) to have nip bottles become included in the bottle bill. Shirley asked for the Beautification Committee to show their support for this. A motion was made and unanimously approved for the Beautification Committee to send a letter to our legislators reflecting our unanimous support of Bill #2881. Also, the HBC will contact the Board of Selectman and ask them to do the same. Candy said that she will get on the BOS agenda to talk to them about supporting the bill as well.

**Swearing in/Ethics Training:** Members of the HBC need to go to the Town Clerk's Office to be sworn in. Ethics training needs to be completed every 2 years through the website prior to being sworn in.

**Agenda for the next meeting: -**  
Reorganization of the Committee

-Update on rain barrels and planters

-Review sample bags and set plans for implementing the plastic bag bylaw

-Follow up on nip bottles

-Fall Clean Up Day

**Next meeting: Monday, Sept. 9th at 1:00**

*Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Kling