

Town of Londonderry  
Beautification Committee  
Meeting Minutes August 20, 2015

Present: Paul Gordon, Helen Hamman, Martha Dale

Excused: Carol Ann and John Jopling, Berthe and Bob Cowles

Absent: Susan Wyman

The meeting was called to order by Martha Dale at 3:35pm.

The minutes of the July 16, 2015 meeting were moved, seconded and voted approved by the members.

Paul asked, on behalf of Darcy Duval, the editor of the town newsletter *The Londonderry Monthly* that a short article on the Committee's work be prepared for the next edition. Martha offered to do that.

Town triangle plantings: Helen reported that she has been weeding the town triangle and everyone agreed that it looks great. She noted that the best time to weed is Sunday morning when the traffic is light. The mulch for the bed had cost \$48/yard and we bought 2 yards, for a total of \$96.

A proposal has been received from Rugg Landscaping for fall cleanup of the town triangle at \$228; Glebe Gardens has quoted \$250. Paul offered a third vendor to ask for a bid – Diggitt Landscaping. Helen will reach out to that company. The Committee voted to spend up to \$250 on fall cleanup, with either Rugg or the third vendor, whichever is less expensive.

At our September meeting, Helen will help with the selection of bulbs for fall planting in the triangle.

Bridge boxes: The suggestion has been made to have three new boxes placed next year on the other side of the South Londonderry bridge. That would take the total number of boxes to 34. Bob Cowles will be asked to provide a cost for building new boxes and with information from the invoice from Glebe Gardens for this year's box contents and planting labor, we can compute the cost of adding these three new boxes. The conversation then turned to whether the boxes could be placed on the bridges earlier in the summer.

Village entrance signs: Martha had no news to report on the village entrance signs.

Flags: Susan was not present to provide a report. Everyone agreed that the flags continue to look good.

Further business: It was suggested that next year the color schemes for the planters and the bridge boxes be coordinated. The Committee will consider this over the winter.

Additionally, the idea of a web-based survey for input from town residents was discussed. The survey could solicit new ideas for town beautification efforts. Paul and Martha will work together to see if this is feasible.

The next meeting of the committee will be September 24th at 3:30pm at the Twitchell Building in S. Londonderry.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20pm

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Dale