

Town of Londonderry  
Beautification Committee  
Meeting Minutes October 29, 2015

Present: Paul Gordon, Helen Hamman, Berthe Cowles, John Jopling, Robert Cowles, Martha Dale

Excused: Carol Ann Absent: Susan Wyman

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

The minutes of the September 30, 2015 meeting were moved, seconded and voted approved by the members.

Town triangle: Helen reported that Rugg Valley Landscaping had completed the fall cleanup of the town triangle. It was suggested that next year the triangle fall cleanup be done in late August.

Bulbs have been ordered for the triangle and will be planted early in November by committee volunteers. 260 white daffodil bulbs have been ordered – with approximately 200 for the triangle and 30 each for the base of the town entrance signs on the east side of town on Rt. 11 and at the sign in the D. Lasker field on the north side of town on Rt. 100.

The committee members discussed the speed of traffic coming down Rt. 11 from the west side of town. Paul reported that VTrans will bring a speed cart to the town in the next few weeks and place it where the 30 mph sign on the descent into town. It suggested that the committee purchase bright vests for members and volunteers who are working along town roadways. Paul will ask the Town to assist with the purchase of these vests.

Flags: The flags have been taken down by Joel Kuhlberg from the Rotary and they are now stored in his garage for the winter. Berthe will contact Joel and ask if any flags need replacing in 2016.

Bridge boxes: Skip Raymond and Bob Cowles removed the boxes from the three bridges and they are being stored in the town garage over the winter. Four landscapers have indicated that they will respond to the RFP for preparation of the boxes next spring.

Town entrance signs: Martha reported that trimming was completed at the sign on Rt. 11 west of town and at the sign on the east side of town on Rt. 11. The group wondered if the signs were in need of painting – they haven't been repainted since first installed over 20 years ago. Bob offered to call Cal Low to find about the original paint that was used on the signs. Paul offered to help with painting of any signs that need repainting next year.

Other business: The concept of a survey of town folks for beautification ideas was reviewed and this will be incorporated in the December newsletter. Martha will write the article, send it to Darcy, and create an email account to receive responses to the survey.

The 2016 budget for the committee was discussed. The following amounts were agreed upon: \$1,500 for bridge boxes, \$300 for flags, town triangle plant work at \$700 and \$500 for sign painting. Helen will draft the budget and mail it to Kevin and Paul. The budget will then be included in the overall town budget for 2016.

The next meeting of the Beautification Committee will be Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Twitchell Building in S. Londonderry.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dale