

Town of Londonderry  
Beautification Committee  
Meeting Minutes July 16, 2015

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

Excused: Susan Wyman

Absent: Carol Ann Jopling

The meeting was called to order by Berthe Cowles at 3:30pm.

The minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting were moved, seconded and voted approved by the members.

Helen reviewed the first draft of the Beautification Committee budget and current expenses to date. The overall budget for the year is \$3,000, with flags budgeted at \$500, window boxes budgeted for \$1,200, town triangle upkeep at \$1,000 and town entrance signs budgeted at \$300. Thus far, expenses incurred have been \$309.59 for flags, \$64.07 for window box repairs and \$55 for flowers at the Rotary information booth.

Town triangle plantings: Everyone agreed that the triangle looks great due to the weeding and mulch. Bids are expected to be received for fall composting of the triangle. It was also suggested that 100-200 tulip and daffodil bulbs be selected, purchased and planted this fall. Helen will coordinate these next efforts.

Flags: The only item of business regarding the flags was the report that a thank-you letter had been sent to the Rotary along with the reimbursement check for the flag expenses.

Bridge boxes: The boxes were installed on the town bridges before July 4<sup>th</sup> and have been well maintained by volunteers. Everyone remarked at how beautiful they look! An able team of volunteers are responsible for watering and dead-heading the plantings.

Village entrance signs: No activity since the last meeting.

FEMA/property update: Paul provided an update on the status of the plan for town acquisition and rehabilitation of the three FEMA buy-out properties. Paul will be meeting shortly with the Parks Board. The members reviewed a draft letter to the Town Select Board to reflect the desire by the Beautification Committee that a conclusion to the buy-out process be enacted quickly. Additionally, the letter urges the Select Board to consider consolidation in one authority the oversight of all boards, commissions and committees who are responsible for town property. Committee members voted to submit the letter as written to the Select Board.

Other business: Paul noted that the town is looking for volunteers to form a police advisory committee.

The next meeting of the committee will be August 20th at 3:30pm at the Twitchell Building in S. Londonderry.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dale