Minutes

Beautification Meeting

April 6, 2023

Present:

Karin Gianitti, Pat Glass, Ryan Gussen, Claudia Hahn

Karin made a motion to approve the Minutes from February 2. 2023 meeting. Ryan seconded. All in favor, motion passed. There are no Minutes for March as there was no quorum.

Report on Historic District Commission meeting, March 15, 2023 at 8pm.

Nancy Thiel and Julie Hanselmann-Davies presented the Town Green plan and the Veterans Memorial design to the HDC. All designs and plans were approved. The Town can now award a contractor the project.

Town Green Update

Two bids were submitted to the Town in response to the “Request For Proposals” for the Town Green Project. Bids were opened March 15th at noon.

Southport Contracting bid $639,000 but it did not include the Permadrive for the elliptical walkway.

G. Pic & Sons Construction bid $650,000.

The bids represent about a 30% increase from our original estimates done in 2019. The construction team will meet to find items to remove from the contractor’s responsibility and look to make other cuts. Once these cuts are made the contractors will be asked to rebid.

It was suggested that Beautification set up a GoFundMe page for the Town Green.

The luminaires for the lamp posts at Town Hall have been refurbished to include LED lighting. The cost was 30% more than originally estimated in 2019. ($4200 to $5418)

Larry Roberts and Claudia went to see boulder dealer, Oliver Scher’s boulders in Georgetown. Oliver has some excellent possibilities to use at the Veterans Memorial. He has Weston boulders from various jobs. It was suggested that a deposit be given to reserve 5 good boulders.

Maintenance

Claudia has submitted to Larry Spring Clean-up and regular Maintenance Contracts. Juan Robles is ready to begin landscape work. Normally the Town shares the cost of maintenance on the Town Campus with the Greyledge Fund account.

Fabiani Ramirez has been hired again by the Town to water and weed all pots and garden areas as needed. He will also spray deer repellant as needed. He is paid from the Greyledge Fund.

On Tuesday, April 11th, all are welcome to help prune the 10 large rose bushes in front of Town Hall.

Planting

Library and Senior Center – Claudia has been working with Karin Feingold to select plants for both sites. Claudia will place an order with Planters Choice in Newtown and ask Juan to go with her to pick them up. Karin is also ordering “plugs” to help fill in areas.

Karin will be finishing planting all the pots around town this week for spring.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudia Hahn