

MINUTES OF THE WESTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 4, 2020

Present: Claudia Hahn, Nancy Thiel, Karin Gianitti, Jim Jamieson, Cynthia Williams, Anne Hunt from Library Board was also present.

MINUTES: Motion made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of February 5, 2020.

UPDATE ON INVESTMENT STATUS OF GREYLEDGE FUND: TD Bank stated that they will change the fee structure and also look for a new way to invest the money. TD Bank is now allowed to speak with us. Our monthly reports will now be sent directly to us by the Town Hall. The amount in the fund is \$463,776.3. We receive a 5% distribution.

TOWN GREEN: Nancy stated that she will be making a presentation Thursday to the Board of Selectmen. The total amount for the yearly maintenance proposed is \$538,000. We will need to fundraise \$156,000. A copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes.

OFFUT TRUST Letter of intent: We are asking that the letter be adjusted slightly.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: It was the sense of the meeting that a member of our committee will not directly participate in their committee by attending meetings. However, we will be happy to work with them.

TOWN MAINTENANCE FOR COMING YEAR AND SPRING PLANTING: Claudia talked to Louie and he stated that there will be no change in maintenance this year. We will redo the planting in front of police station, clean up area outside of Jonathan's office window. Louis will be doing the spring clean--up. Bids will be sent as soon as proposal is finished.

CEMETERY: Jeff Moore, Weston Arborists has been cleaning up the tree problems in the cemetery. We would like to plant Red buds at the cemetery entrance.

ONION BARN: Jonathan is planning to put up a guard rail fence adjacent to playing field. People will be allowed to sit on it. The boulders will be removed from area.

NEW BUSINESS: Claudia stated that the spraying at town hall property will compost tea. The rings around the 35 ornamental trees will be expanded. We plan to use compost, worm castings and mulch on the trees. The compost tea, will be brewed in a tea brewer which we are proposing to buy. The brewer takes a couple of pounds of Vermicompost and, through an aeration process, multiply the microorganisms to create gallons of highly nutritious Vermicompost tea. MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO PURCHASE A TANK (SIZE DETERMINED BY Jeff Moore).

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A Williams, Secretary

