

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WESTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
September 9, 2020 1:30pm Zoom Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ryan Gussen, Karin Gianitti, Nancy Thiel – no quorum

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Failla, Anne Hunt, Amy Sanborn, Bill Lomas

MINUTES: The minutes from June 3/18 could not be approved without a quorum.

INTRODUCTIONS: Tom Failla, new tree warden, and Bill Lomas, new financial advisor to the Beautification Committee, introduced themselves. Tom said there is a new tree warden page on the town website with useful links.

GREYLEDGE: Bill said he is looking for other firms to manage the Greyledge Fund in order to reduce costs. He would also like to create a more aggressive stance in terms of investments.

MAINTENANCE/COSTS: Greyledge will cover incidental cart, battery, and hose costs. Additional work also included moving some plants from the senior center to the police station. Watering will continue through the end of October.

LIBRARY: Library representatives clarified that they would like Beautification, with input from the Tree Warden, to design plantings around their building that they would then approve. Tom is researching possible options for the corner at the children's library.

ONION BARN: The Beautification Committee acknowledged the wonderful zinnia garden the Pollinator Pathway planted this year and all the work Kristana Esslinger has done to spruce up around the onion barn.

TOWN GREEN: Nancy reported on a possible grant for the town green. Jonathan is coordinating.

SENIOR CENTER: The senior center installed a new ramp. Beautification is going to redesign the affected garden beds. The new patio in back has been funded and designed by the Weston Adult Soccer League.

JARVIS: Bill reported that the small charter oak has been planted at Jarvis. The Pollinator Pathway group is planning pollinator garden beds above and to the left of the root cellar entrance.

FOUNDERS DAY: Beautification will not be involved with Founders Day this year. It lands on Sunday, October 10.

CEMETERY: Karin continues to lead this effort. Beautification would like to have the entry area spruced up. The Town has applied for another grant of \$2k to reassemble the stones. Tom and Bill offered to help Karin and connect the Veterans to the project. Karin is going to reach out to Easton to see how they manage the cemetery in their town.

NEW MEMBER SEARCH: Nancy offered to draft a job description.

NEXT MEETING: PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE - The next Beautification Committee meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thiel, Co-Chair
Beautification Committee