

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WESTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Present: Members Ryan Gussen, Lyette Segedahl, Nancy Thiel, Claudia Hahn, Karin Giannitti, Jim Jamieson and Cynthia Williams. Jonathan Luiz, Town Administrator and Chris Spaulding, First Selectman, were also present.

**Motion made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the Minutes of the 10/17/2018 and 1/3/219 meetings.**

**Work completed since last meeting.** Claudia reported that she and Nancy had met with Karen and other Library Board members to look at the Dan Offutt sculptures and pick a few for placement by the Beautification Committee. They picked out 3 which will be placed in the Town Hall area – the red squiggle, the small lion, and the colorful abstract vertical piece.

Proposed Town Green Master Plan for Future Memorials/Honorariums. Nancy presented the plan to the committee. She had changed the last drawing to include some items that the committee had discussed. The sidewalks in front of town hall are part of a larger plan to connect to the Library and Onion Barn. There will be an elliptical walkway from front patio of town hall to gardens in front of the stone wall at Norfield Road. Nancy will prepare a budget for various elements of plan (benches, trees, lawn regeneration, irrigation, sidewalks, gardens. There will be a new red, white and blue garden inside of wall facing town hall front door.

**Signage.** Nancy gave a Marketing Committee Update.

There was a discussion about the timing of bringing our Town Green Concept to the Selectmen and the residents. It was the sense of the meeting that first we should contact the Historic District Committee to see if we need to meet with the committee about the regulations. Kari offered to contact Paul Deysenroth, President of the Commission. Jim will talk to the Sidewalk Committee. A plan for Memorial Gifts is also needed before we start. If all goes well, the goal would be to announce the town green on Memorial Day and plan a fundraiser for the fall.

**Town Maintenance Contracts:** Claudia stated that the contracts, approved by Jonathan, have to go out by March 1. Claudia suggested and the members agreed that we also retain the services of someone who knows how to hand prune, dead head and provide deer problem solutions as an extra person for town maintenance.

**Jonathan Luiz:** Jonathan stated that the neighbor adjacent to the Parks and Rec Barn wants the Town to provide some screening for the barn. He requested help from Beautification as to what to plant. It was the sense of the meeting that this planting does not meet the guidelines for planting as it is not visible from the road.

**Girl scout camp planting.** Claudia said the front along the road at the camp needs help and suggested that we add some dogwoods. However, the camp had not asked for this. It was suggested that she contact the camp about his matter.

**“heeled in” dogwood at Lachat.** The committee felt it was fine for the trees to be moved to the edge of the woods.

**Update wreath count for holiday décor.** Claudia stated that Lachat would like 2 for front door, 1 for back door and 2 large ones. It was suggested that we change the size of the wreaths. Therefore, this item needs to be worked on. Cynny reminded the members that the Town pays for these wreaths so we will have to make a request to the town about the changes.

**Account Balance:** we have \$106,000 in the account. This year we spent \$47,407.00. However, we do have the final figures for Louie's work(\$1850) and the watering (\$2000). We received \$23,000 in interest last year.

Claudia also said that we need to redo the bollards at the school again this year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Cynthia A Williams, secretary

**THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE WIL BE CHANGED TO THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1:30 P.M.** The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.