Weston Beautification Committee

Minutes May 6, 2021

Zoom at Noon meeting

Attendance: Nancy Thiel, Karin Gianitti, Jim Jamieson, Ryan Gussen, Claudia Hahn

Guests: Anne Hunt (Library Board)

Minutes from April 1, 2021 were approved. Nancy moved, Karin seconded, all in favor.

Greyledge Update: Town account balance approx. $69,000

 To date, spent approx. $13,000

 We would like to request an itemized list of expenses from the last 2 years

Plantings

Library - the library wants to add color to their gardens - perennials along the front of the children’s room in red, white and blue, and creeping juniper over the septic area.

We proposed white daffodils and Rudbeckia around the lion.

 Area near door to Children’s Room will be disrupted in July, so will need to plant in this area in the fall.

 Senior Center - will be planted before Memorial Day.

Barrel at Old Hyde and Steep Hill - needs to be replaced as it was run into this winter. A new barrel runs $70-80. Karin made a motion for a new barrel. Nancy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Maintenance Contracts for period from July ’21 – Dec ‘22

 Will hopefully be out for bids by our next meeting

Town Green Update

Nancy and Jim have been working with Shane Kuhn to verify the budget numbers. As soon as the numbers are solid, we can go before the Selectmen for approval for fundraising. Only budget item remaining is electrical. Attached is the diagram for electrical work. It will include a new electrical panel dedicated to the exterior.

Nancy spoke with Carolyn Hill from the Weston Economic Vitality Committee, which supports various Town needs. There are some interested donors. Carolyn asked Nancy to develop a 1 page “Ask” and a 10 page presentation.

Jarvis Military Academy

 Glass repair estimate – Larry Liggett has submitted a bid for $5113.31. We will look for a private donor, as there probably will not be funds in the Town budget for this maintenance.

Golf Cart Cover

 Dave Ungar submitted an estimate for a new cover for $52.64. Claudia made a motion to approve funding a new cover. Karin seconded. Motion passed.

Report on interviewing prospective waterers

 Claudia posted a job opportunity at the HS Guidance Office and with Dawn Egan at the HS Athletic Dept. We had several responses. Claudia will interview.

Soil and Compost Tea

Soil at Town Hall was tested and it looks fairly healthy. Compost Tea is still up in the air for this year. Once we get a waterer in place, we can see if there is additional time for spraying compost tea.

Update on Freedom of Information Act – FOIA

 It is suggested that all members have emails used for Town use only. Claudia will ask Sara Beer about the use of Old Business/New Business on agendas.

New Member status –

 The Selectmens’ vote on Elaine Friedrichsen has not yet occurred. Should happen soon.

Next Meeting is June 3, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudia Hahn

Co-Chair