

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANURAY 6, 2015 4:30PM  
PROVINCETOWN TOWN HALL

Present: Bill Docker, Anika Costa, Ross Sormani, Frank Vasello, Dot Freitas  
Excused Absence: Eric Larsen, Deputy Director DPW

R.S motioned to approve the minutes of the 12/16/2014 meeting. Prior to voting discussions were held in regards to the VSB garden bed and brickwork, noting the historic elements vs redesign. Also discussed was A.C. checking with Tony Lemme as to ownership of the dead tree to be removed from the Bas Relief. It is located on the east side of the property. R. S. will email David Gardner and Rich Waldo regarding the removal of the tree. The tree is a safety hazard and is on land owned by the Pilgrim Monument.

B.D. seconded to approve the minutes and the vote was 3 Ayes & 2 abstains, F.V. & A.C. abstained as they had excused absences from the last meeting

Financial Report: Ross Sormani

R.S. reports... Gift fund will be \$3,726.49 vs \$4,671.49 after \$945.00 is paid out for the O'Brian bench

R.S. reports Budget Fund will be \$9,425.29 vs \$9550.29 after \$125.00 is paid to Garden Renovations

The amount to pay Michael Pointatowski for a Conwell invoice that was not properly submitted is under review by Acting Town manager David Gardner

Financial Report accepted with 5-0 vote

R.S. will add current committee members to Conwell, Bayberry Gardens & Garden Renovations accounts

Discussions were conducted for the following topics:

- Establish and set a policy regarding volunteers to eliminate problems with purchases and receipts. A committee member needs to be with the volunteer when purchasing, and we need to know who's doing what work and where on town property. Community members that want to spend money on town property on behalf of this committee should present their ideas during public comments
- Role of the Clerk: it is difficult to chair and take minutes, as has been the past practice. Going forward when the chair B.D. is present, the vice chair A.C. will take the minutes. When the vice chair runs the meeting, then R.S. the treasurer will take minutes.
- R.S. motioned to approve A.C. as clerk, F.V. seconded.

- Committees have working groups not sub-committees. Two or more people talking outside of a regular meeting is a working group, but decisions are presented to and decided upon by the whole committee
- B.D. motioned to create working groups with the understanding that we can add or delete groups as needed. A.C. seconded. The following groups were decided upon and present as follows:
  - Bench Group                    R.S. & D.F
  - Planting Group                D.F. & B.D.
  - Islands                         F.V. & A.C.
  - Purchase                       R.S. & B.D. & F.V.
  - Projects                        A.C.
  - 2020                            B.D.
  - Trees                            F.V.
- Dahlia Society – Proposal to name the Dahlia as Official Town Flower
  - The BC received a request from the Dahlia Society via Anthony Fucillo of the VSB. We were asked by T.F. to get involved with the Dahlia Society and B.D. report that they do a phenomenal job in town promoting dahlias. Our discussion about this proposal included the facts that dahlias have to be removed in the winter, they are labor and water intensive and though there are lots of varieties, perhaps a native flower should be named the town flower. The society would need to water and maintain the dahlias and F.V. does not think that they are a “green choice”.
  - D.F. motioned to take a vote to support the proposal and F.V. seconded. We voted to not approve by 0-5. B.D. will report back to T.F. that we will invite the Dahlia Society to attend and speak during public statements. We feel we need to learn more about the society and their proposal. B.D. states we need to show the town we are receptive to other groups and perhaps we might use dahlias in our barrels.
- #8 from January Agenda – E. Larsen’s report on VSB brickwork moved to February meeting
- #10 from January agenda – A.C. will get and deliver contact information of all board members to each board member and to Doug Johnstone and David Gardner
- B.D. reports on 2020 meeting: about 80 people attended and Cheryl Andrews gave out her email so that people can contact her with interest and suggestions. The highlight should be to cement the historical importance that the Pilgrims landed here first. Events will be held throughout the year and will be publicized across the nation. Our committee will work with 2020 committee and B.D. will be the liaison not A.C. as he attended the first meeting in her place. A.C. is in agreement. Is Pilgrim’s Park near the Provincetown Inn at the west end rotary state or town property?
- #12 from January Agenda – Clerk to check with B. Rushmore as to her submitting the 2014 annual report to the town clerk
- #13 from January agenda – Vacancy of B. Rushmore and future possible vacancy if D. F. steps down. The employee Jennifer of Garden Renovations has expressed

interest in joining the board. B.D. feels she will benefit the board with her knowledge.

- Doug Johnstone would need to advertise
- No conflict would be present if she recuses herself on votes involving Garden Renovations
- She will not benefit financially
- Invite her to the march meeting to explain the process of going to the town clerk and presenting to the BOS
- #14 & #15 from January Agenda – A.C. 10/2013report and review, discussion and votes on proposed items/future projects from 12/16/2014 minutes (#5) tabled to March due to lack of time
- New business - none
- Next meeting set for February 10, 2015 at 4:30PM at Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anika Costa, Vice Chair