

Provincetown Beautification Committee Minutes of February 17, 2015, 4:30 P.M.

Town Hall 260 Commercial Street Provincetown, Ma

Present: Anika Costa, Ross Sormani and Frank Vasello

Excused Absences: Bill Docker, Dot Freitas And Deputy Director D.P.W. Eric Larsen

4:32 P.M. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair A.Costa

No public statements

Frank V. moved to accept minutes of 1/6/2015 amended as follows: Ross S. will email David Gardner and Rich Waldo regarding the removal of the dead tree covered with ivy in the Bas Relief park. The tree is a safety hazard and is on land owned by the Pilgrim Monument.

The category of Trees will be added to our working groups.

Ross S. seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Frank V. asked about bill payment process. Ross S. explained that bills first go to David Gardner. Purchases through the gift fund are approved by the selectman and all other bills go directly to Dan Hoort, Finance Director.

Bills processed: Obrian \$ 945.00 Garden Renovations \$120.00 Michael Poniatowski \$ 84.97

Ace Hardware bill is \$ 265.64 according to ACE. Amount needs to be verified by receipts which has been a problem because receipts are not always turned in by purchasers.

Budget: \$ 9,345.32 Gift Fund: \$ 3,727.67.

Clerk Role: Discussed the possibility of rotating clerk duties which we will review when we have a full board.

Eric Larsen: Unable to attend tonight's meeting to discuss the Visitor's Service Board's garden beds and the brickwork to be done. Ross S. will email Eric L. about having Chris Corea submit a plan and bid as well as Eric asking Ethan Poulin. The amount to spend was to be \$ 1500.00 and Ross feels the committee should handle the requesting of bids so that the project can get done. The committee will proceed and keep Eric informed.

Other Updates: Anika C. suggested the removal of the whiskey barrel planters locate at Bradford and Ryder streets before winter snowfall, as the barrels have been buried under mounds of plowed snow. Damage to a tree on the Commercial Stree sidewalk was rported by Anika C. It most likely happened when the sidewalks were being plowed.

Correspondence: A letter from Larry Collins was read and discussed. Mr. Collins is an abutter to the M.P.L. parking lot and states that the flagpole and tree by the ladies room bathrooms obstruct his view. The committee discussed options of pruning, moving the tree and / or the flagpole. Ideas to improve the area with an arbor or gazebo for shade were suggested. It is a

heavily used area and could use some beautifying and some shade. Frank V. will respond to Mr. Collins letter and will inform him that the area will be reviewed this spring when the committee does our spring field trip to survey our projects. Letters were copied to Ross S. regarding the planting of an American Elm ~ Jerry Hyman and the Sklar Bench by the Methodist Church.

Working Groups: Due to weather conditions, review of areas did not get done. We do have plans for Garden Renovations to do the island at Bradford Street and West Vine street. The Grace hall parking lot and slope need a lot of improvements defining the area as a large project. We discussed the replanting of the slope, moving the crosswalk and relocating the stairs within the sloped area. It is important to make a splash every year with a project.

Fundraising to raise awareness and increase community involvement needs to be implemented.

Update: Approved purchaser list was not done.

Clerk: Collection of contact information will be available at next meeting.

Dahlia Society: No further discussion.

Annual report: Anika C. will ask Doug Johnstone about report done by Barbara Rushmore.

Possible Board Member Candidates: Employee Jennifer from Garden Renovations and Christine Sylvia.

Both have been invited to the March meeting.

Review of future projects and proposed items: Items to discuss will be the following: raised beds at Fisherman's Memorial Park, DART ideas / 2020 and to clarify correct spelling for sign for Fisherman's Park as voted upon by selectman on 1/12/2015. Is it man's or men's?

New Business: Redo raised beds at town hall and Bas Relief in conjunction with 2020 celebration,.

Last Item: Motion by Anika C. to change March meeting to March 17, 2015 for Bill Docker to be present. Okayed by Ross. S. and seconded by Anika C.

5:55 P.M. Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Anika M. Costa

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