

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Date: May 11, 2016**

**4:30 PM**

**Provincetown Town Hall**

**Caucus Hall Meeting Room**

**Meeting Called to Order at 4:33**

**APPROVED JUNE 6, 2016**

**VOTE: 4-0**

**Present: Anika Costa, Bill Docker, Frank Vasello, John Krajovic**

**Excused Absence: Allan Mackinnon, Mark Boucher**

**Approval of April Minutes rescheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to accept the Minutes**

**Public Statements: None**

**Financial Report: Allan Mackinnon, Treasurer, was not in attendance (excused absence) and Bill Docker, Chair, gave report and called for invoices to be paid from the committee's General Fund.**

**Beginning Balance in General Fund: \$9,313.53**

Invoices to be paid from GENERAL FUND:

Conwell Lumber Inv. #388599	\$140.83
FV motion to pay; AC second, Vote 3-0 from General Fund	
Conwell Lumber Inv. #389025	\$48.46
AC motion to pay; FV second, Vote 3-0 from General Fund	
Conwell Lumber	\$79.84
AC motion to pay; FV second, Vote 3-0 from General Fund	
St. Aubin's Garden Ctr.	\$632.05
FV motion to pay; AC second, Vote 3-0 from General Fund	
Bayberry Garden Center	\$153.08
AC motion to pay; BD seconds, Vote 3-0 from General Fund	

**Ending Balance in General Fund: 8,259.27**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Concern (by phone call and in passing) was brought to the Committee Chair regarding the use of certain Provincetown public sites for the display of political signs during the recent election. Discussion followed and the committee voted 3-0 for the following motion made by FV, seconded by AC:

“The Beautification Committee suggests political signs by individuals or organizations to be allowed ONLY from the Friday before and election to the day after the election,

whereby all signs will be removed by the parties who put them there. Signage will be allowed ONLY on Traffic Islands and on highway property owned by the Town of Provincetown. The purpose of this suggestion is for voter awareness and participation.”

## **REPORTS:**

### **1. PROVINCETOWN TREE BYLAW**

- a. Presentation made by current Tree Warden/Town DPW Director, Richard Waldo, Margaret Murphy of “Trees Provincetown,” and John Krajovic, BC member. This was presented as a ‘working document’ and will be reviewed by other relevant committees and commissions in Provincetown before the final version is to be brought before the Town Body at the Town Meeting scheduled for the fall of 2016. All Beautification Committee members were provided with a copy of this Draft Bylaw to read in preparation for this presentation. The Provincetown Tree Bylaw will follow the outline of the Massachusetts General Laws concerning trees. A motion was made (BD) and seconded (FV) and a vote was taken stating:
  - i. **“The Presentation of the new Provincetown Tree Bylaw in its draft state, made to the Beautification Committee by the DPW Director/Tree Warden and Margaret Murphy of Trees Provincetown, has the unanimous support of the Beautification Committee. The vote was 4-0.**

### **2. “TREES PROVINCETOWN”**

- a. An excellent presentation was made to the committee members by Margaret Murphy, founder of Trees Provincetown. Ms. Murphy stated she is in the early formation of this new 501 (c) 3 and her intention is to assist and be a resource for the Tree Warden, Beautification Committee and any other Provincetown Committees or Commissions concerned with the environmental and ecological impact of trees throughout Provincetown. It is the intention of Trees Provincetown to work to draft a Bylaw and get it passed at the fall, 2016 Town Meeting.
- b. Ms. Murphy stated she will be working on a booklet regarding the planting, pruning and maintenance of trees in Town, and work with the Tree Warden to publicize this information to all Town Governing Committees and Boards, realtors, developers, arborists, landscapers, etc.
- c. Ms. Murphy stated she would like to host/sponsor an ‘Arbor Day’ in Provincetown in the future.
- d. A board of directors and organizational plan is being created for Trees Provincetown, including funding sources, budgeting, organizational stewardship and sustainability.
- e. Ms. Murphy will return to the Beautification Committee well before the presentation of this new Bylaw to the Town Body for further final input and strategizing.

- f. No formal vote was taken at this time. Committee members thanked Ms. Murphy and the Tree Warden for the time they have taken to bring this important issue to this point, and the Committee looks forward to any 'next steps' in the presentation to the Town Body.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:21**  
**BD motion to adjourn; FV second**  
**Passed 3-0 vote**

**The next meeting of the Provincetown Beautification Committee will be held:**  
**Monday, June 6, 2016 at 4:30 at Town Hall , Caucus Room**