

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Provincetown Town Hall

Meeting Called to Order at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Bill Docker, Allan MacKinnon, Frank Vasello, Curtis Balom, C. Andrews, T. Donegan, R. Richter, Anthony

Excused Absence: Anika Costa

Absent: N/A

Committee Discussion – Working Group Reports - Decisions – Action Items – Reports – Etc.

1. Public Statements

Lisa Giuffre, Executive Director Provincetown 400 spoke about strong working relationship she has developed with the Beautification Committee and the importance of the committee's work in relationship to Provincetown 400.

2. Joint Meeting with Provincetown Board of Selectmen to discuss, review, modify and update current Beautification Committee's 1980 Mission Statement; Joint discussion of potential committee name change to "Public Space" committee.

Overview

B. Docker

- As a result of charter commission noted need to revise committee's name and mission.
- Committee founded by Board of Selectmen, so the best path to changes is to review with current selectmen
- Reviewed the current mission, which was developed approximately 1980 by the committee's founding members.
- Original mission has some shortcomings. Includes input on design of public building, which is beyond what we currently do and conflicts with Historic District Commission.
- Suggested new mission removes BC from building design process and focuses on the grounds of public spaces and interaction with other committees in developing the look of the town. (Trees Provincetown, Tree Warden, Provincetown 400, etc.)
- Beautification is the outcome, but the committee is more about planning, development and installation. There is already an open spaces committee. The name Public Spaces Committee would dovetail nicely with that.

F. Vasello

- Reviewed some of our current projects, particularly a review of gateways into Provincetown (Municipal Parking Lot, Grace Hall slope, public library)

- Discussed need to ensure that there is money for irrigation in connection with all planting.
- The library lawn was offered as one successful example. While many plantings died last summer due to lack of water, the library lawn recovered once it was determined that there was irrigation in place. (B. Docker spoke about this also.)

Discussion

C. Andrews

- Offered congratulations and appreciation for the work to date.
- Suggested that the name be revised to honor the original founders if at all possible. One possibility: Public Space and Beautification Committee

R. Richter

- Offered congratulations and appreciation for the work to date.
- Suggested that we stay simple with the new mission statement. Best to avoid being too specific
- Asked that it is noted that we "advise the selectmen regarding the use public spaces." This will help avoid conflicts like that with the HDC that the original language caused.
- If changes to draft mission follow this guidance, it will be possible to add to consent agenda and approve without needing to meet with Beautification Committee again.
- For big budget items, it is worthwhile to target getting added to the 2018 Town Meeting agenda.

Motion by C. Andrews to review for vote on February 27

Motion seconded by T. Donegan

Motion passed 4/0

Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Motion by B. Docker

Motion seconded by F. Vasello

Motion approved unanimously, a vote of 4/0

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Balom, Committee Clerk