

Provincetown Beautification Committee



MINUTES

Thursday, March 24th, 2011, 2pm Building Dept. Conference Room, Town Hall.

Present: Todd Westrick, Mary Ann Powers, Barbara Rushmore and Ghee Patrick.

Not Present: Paul Hall and Sheila LaMontagne on excused absences.

Barbara Rushmore moved and Mary Ann Powers seconded that the corrected Minutes of 2/24/11 be approved. So voted. Barbara Rushmore moved and Mary Ann Powers seconded that with the addition of street names for the named squares, the Minutes of 3/10/11 be approved. So voted.

Old Library Bench: A spirited discussion was held. It was decided that the metal feet need welded plates and that the bench should sit on a wooden platform. Barbara Rushmore is to speak to Wesley Medeiros, welder and Tony Lemne of Building and Grounds.

Meeting with Building and Grounds Report: Postponed until later meeting.

Pearl Street Housing Authority Building: Bushes and plan needed. Todd Westrick will look it over.

Financial: The Gift Fund \$22,364.34 also Waterfront Park Gift Fund \$412.54. No one knows what this is. No Budget figure available at this meeting.

Tree Pruning: Todd Westrick has met with Forest Keepers' Chris Turner, arborist and Tree Fellers' Mike Gregore, arborist. He received two estimates. Forest Keepers was low with \$2300.00. Tree Fellers \$3200.00 to prune American elm at Freeman and Commercial, Chinese elm in front of Town Hall, 2 Honey locust in front of Lopes Sq. and the 2 Scholar trees at Franklin and Commercial and at West Vine and Bradford.

Ghee Patrick suggested Bartlett for a quote BR seconded. David Atkinson to be contacted, especially about the Elm in front of the Old Library.

The sign for traffic diversion at Standish and Bradford was the subject of a sharp division of the committee over the actual placement and cutting back of the Cedrus tree. The sign will be 20" x 30" and Todd Westrick recommends cutting all branches north of the trunk. Since this is a dedicated tree, to Frances Euler, who started the tree planting in Town, Barbara Rushmore felt every effort should be made, just to trim the necessary branches for visibility of the sign and will speak to Domenic Rosati of the Parking Dept. before the next meeting.

Discussion on planting on islands: We approved the plan for Louis Ferreira, Franklin and Commercial; Kenneth Alves, Shankpainter and Bradford. But at the Neil Nelson, Harry Kemp and Conwell Todd Westrick recommended removal of the Bradford pear tree, which was not agreed upon.

Todd Westrick moved to adjourn and Mary Ann Powers seconded. So voted and meeting adjourned at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Rushmore