

Beautification Minutes of Tuesday 5/29/12

Meeting called to order at 5:35

In attendance Barbara Rushmore, Elizabeth Patrick, Elspeth Vevers, Ross Sormani and Dottie Frietas

Audience members included Assistant Town Manager David Gardner and Marcos Costonis (from B and G)

Barbara led the meeting introducing that we have funds available to complete projects and that the DPW and the Buildings and Grounds were responsible for executing the projects that we put into place.

The minutes of the Meeting of 2/27/12 were reviewed and unanimously approved (Barbara, Ross and Ghee)

The minutes of the Meeting of 4/19/12 were reviewed and unanimously approved (Barbara, Ross and Ghee)

A bill from Sylvan Nursery was presented. Ross Sormani moved and Barbara seconded to pay \$633.50 to Sylvan Nursery from the Budget. Approved to be paid in the amount of \$633.50 by unanimous vote.

A bill from Lands End was presented. Ross Sormani moved and Barbara seconded for the amount to be paid from the Budget and approved to be paid in the amount of \$43.16 by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer, Ross Sormani;  
All assets were reported as being in place previous to the presentation of the above bills;  
\$19340.84 Gift  
\$8,046.33 FY 2012 Budget  
\$412.54 Memorial Park Gift Fund

Marcos requested that a Leonard Pole Pruner be acquisitioned for tree trimming at the cost of \$189.99. Upon review by the committee it was unanimously voted that Marcos place the order and purchase the pruner.

A review of the plans for Fisherman's Park as submitted by Bill Whitney was taken. Public comment led to the use of pavers, similar to Lopes Square, to accommodate for the currently sandy area. David Gardner remarked that the bicycle rack placement and scale was not correct. Barbara recommended that the space be more shady, with more benches. An attempt at contacting Bill by conference call initially failed. Ultimately Bill did get to the conference call. Bill emphasized that pavers would capture the sand on top and that something akin to a shop vac could clean the pavers of the continual sand deposit within Fisherman's Park. To divide the space more artistically, raised planters

could be established within the paving. It was brought to Bill's attention that everyone believed the calculation of the square footage of the area to be askew. Introducing benches like Lopes square was discussed. Bill believed that the existing trees needed to be fertilized. Bill introduced the idea of water bags for the trunks of the trees, especially if we were intending on getting new ones planted. Bill wrapped up the conversation by requesting that the committee come up with a wish list of what they would like to have Fisherman's Park transformed into.

That area that stands between the restrooms and the water filtration building was discussed. Lattices for the front of the building facing the parking lot were discussed. Bill recommended a combination of roses, climbing hydrangea and clematis autumn joy used against the lattice would offer the largest season of blossom for those areas.

Bill signed off the conference call and the committee decided on a site visit 5/29/12 at 4:30.

A flag was discussed for the existing flag pole by the parking lot. Barbara directed Marcos to review the pole and get a flag up. The poles and ties that are on the trees at the parking lot's edge need removal. All were in agreement that this would be tended to by Marcos.

Barbara said that the Standish Street Tree was being placed the week of 5/29/12. The work was done by the Highway Dept. and Building and Grounds.

The ongoing discussion of a hose for the waterfront park was again revisited. Barbara had met with David Guertin and is continuing to work with him. There is a locked wooden box by the courtesy ramp that could accommodate a 400' hose for watering there.

David Gardner did request that those planters at the corner of Bradford and Ryder Street be tended to again as they had last year by the beautification committee. It was unanimously agreed that we would. Marcos was directed to buy African daisy's and plant them in the planters. He was given direction to get the plants from Garden Renovations where we have an account and to plant them.

The discussion on the memorial bench policy moratorium as established by the previous beautification chair was tabled for discussion at a later point.

The Chair moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ross Sormani