

**Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes August 5 2024.**

Present: Committee members Bonny Johnson, Gale Kuhlberg, Pam Abraham, Barbara Wells, Cheryl Edwards, Martha Dale, Marlene Boyaner

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the June 27, 2024, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Current year budget \$4000. Barb and Bonny will propose a draft expenditure plan for the budget for discussion at the September meeting.

Update on Town Gardens:

All the gardens and containers look good.

Town office needs a new hose and nozzle. Martha will discuss with Tina. (PMN: Per Tina BC will purchase new hose from Londonderry Hardware and charge to the town). Also, we are looking for an update on the town office renovation plan and its impact on the town garden so we can plan accordingly. Martha and Bonny will discuss this with Shane. (PMN: Town will begin construction between 9/3 and 9/30)

Triangle needs weeding. (PMN: Triangle was weeded Aug 6 by committee members).

We've observed that people are stopping to take photographs of the Burton marker and putting stickers on the post, both a great response to the marker there.

Watering and Flower Boxes

The sign ups to water spots have been filled through early August. Thank you to our volunteers who have been watering. It makes all the difference! Reminders will be sent again this week to encourage sign up for August/September. The link to the sign up is

[Londonderry Watering Crew 2024signup.com](https://londonderrywateringcrew2024.signup.com)

Flower boxes: The flower boxes need to be replaced. We reviewed boxes in neighboring towns and agreed to proceed to order 8 Haystack Basket and Coco liners as a start (Barb). (PMN: Barb will order at baskets and liners from Kinsman Gardens, Easton PA, at \$1038.91 including shipping) next week.

We saw a great zip tie fastening solution to secure the boxes in Jamaica that we plan to replicate. We will try to reuse the best of the current boxes and replace those that are unusable. The team also discussed plants, numbers and locations for next year.

Barb ordered Mums (100) for the fall through Rugg Valley.

Town Banner project: It was agreed to table this project until after we replace the flower boxes for budget reasons.

Select Board Update: Martha provided a brief update on possible options for flood resilience that are being discussed.

Next Meeting Date: September 12, 10:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Boyaner