

**Town of Londonderry
Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes October 17, 2024.**

Present: Bonny Johnson, Gale Kuhlberg, Cheryl Edwards, Pam Abraham

Absent: Martha Dale, Marlene Boyaner, Barbara Wells

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the September 12, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Current year budget \$4000. Expenditures to date: \$1698.97, \$700.00 for 100 mums, \$759.09 for 8 sets of Haystack coir baskets, liners, and zip ties, and \$219.88 for holiday decorations. Balance remaining: \$2321.03.

Additional expenses anticipated in 2025 include \$1200 (Glebe), depending on how many wood boxes reused, and up to \$500 if a garden is feasible at the Town Office.

Update on Town Gardens:

All the gardens and containers look great.

Thank you to Gnarly Roots for cutting back the Triangle free of charge. All but 2 mums were planted in the Triangle on September 23rd. Two mums were placed at the Free Library in South Londonderry.

Status of the town office garden is to be determined following renovation.

Cheryl will contact Barb about cutting back the garden at Brown Enterprises (PMN: this was completed by Barb and Bob Wells and Gale Kuhlberg this week.)

Cheryl will check the barrel at Mobil station and Burton Milestone Marker this week. (PMN: both are still "blooming" and will not be cut back yet)

Bridge boxes will be picked up by Rotary (PMN: done weekend of Oct 18)

Watering Schedule

An update was submitted by Marlene prior to the meeting. 88/95 spots filled = 93%. 21 waterers volunteered. Of these six were Beautification Committee members. Number of watering spots per volunteer over the course of the season ranged from 1 to 17.

The group discussed how to increase the number of volunteers for next year, e.g. social media, community kids, use of a sandwich sign, flyer in grocery store.

Bridge boxes: Flower boxes have been removed. Cheryl volunteered to find them and assess which ones are salvageable for 2025. (PMN: boxes have been removed and put behind Second Congregational Church)

New business:

- Holiday decorations – Coordinated by Cheryl. Group will meet next week to put solar lights on two smaller evergreens at Aikens Corner. Will hang red balls and 5 larger white solar balls on trees after Thanksgiving.
- Mum cleanup – to be done first week in November
- Notes of appreciation – Bonny will write template note for volunteers and additional notes to major contributors: Rugg Valley, Gnarly Roots, Tobin's, and Rotary. The committee will gather to complete the notes to the watering volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonny Johnson