

Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes May 28, 2025.

Present: Bonny Johnson, Gale Kuhlberg, Cheryl Edwards, Barbara Wells, Martha Dale, Marlene Boyaner. **Absent:** Pam Abraham

Meeting Minutes: The October 17, 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Expenditures for 2024/25 (ending June 30, 2025) were reviewed and discussed. We are expecting the plant bill for this year's flower boxes in the next day or so. Expense projections for 2025/2026 (ending June 30, 2026) were discussed.

Update on Town Gardens:

The triangle garden needs weeding. Date set for June 1 at 1pm for those available to weed. Done. S. Londonderry entrance garden (near Brown Enterprises) needs weeding. PMN We weeded the garden June 3.

Planter by Mobil station looks great. The perennials planted last year are all coming up nicely.

Planter by Burton Marker: plants did not come back, however, the planter survived the winter well. We will try perennials again with a few modifications. Action: Cheryl. PMN Done.

Bridge boxes (Williams bridge and on 100S near Grandma Millers) have been planted and will be installed this week. PMN: done.

Town office garden will remain nonexistent until renovation project is completed. No soil prep or planting is anticipated before external property work and construction is done. Action: Martha to check with Aileen about project / builder's plans to restore garden area for planting.

Watering

We agreed to investigate adding watering for Beautification needs (paid for by Beautification budget) to an existing contract for Main St watering (paid for by Friends of Main St) as a cost effective solution. Action: Martha

Aiken's Corner Update: Rugg Valley will do maintenance on the trees and plants in the next few days. PMN: done. The project team is continuing with its plan of plant installation in accordance with the approval received by the Selectboard in September, 2023. As a reminder, while Beautification Committee has oversight on this project, no cost will be incurred from town budgets for this project.

New business:

We agreed to look into applying for a Community Tree Fund grant for tree planting for the town garden, space permitting. The grant deadline for the fall is September 12, 2025. Thank you, Aileen (town administrator), for making us aware of this grant.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 16, 10 am.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Boyaner