

Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes June 19, 2025.

Location: Neighborhood Connections, VT Rte 100, Londonderry VT, 05148

Present: Bonny Johnson, Pam Abraham, Cheryl Edwards, Barbara Wells, Marlene Boyaner.

Absent: Gale Kuhlberg, Martha Dale

Meeting Minutes: The May 28, 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: The 2024/25 budget was spent except for \$144. There are 2 invoices that were submitted prior to the deadline that have not been reimbursed. **Action:** Cheryl will discuss who will pay with Tina.

To benefit from the town's tax-exempt status, bills from local businesses should be directed to Tina for payment. Orders from on-line sites should be placed by Tina at BC's request.

Update on Town Gardens: Garden assignments have been updated as noted below.

Town Office: (Bonny Johnson) Two all-weather planters and boxwoods were purchased for the town office. They will be at the Church until the front entrance renovations at the town office are complete. They will then be moved to the Town Office.

Beautification Committee would like to purchase 2 benches that can be converted to bench/table to place near the trees outside the town hall front entrance. **Action:** Bonny to submit recommendation to Selectboard for approval.

Garden by Brown: (Pam Abraham) The garden was weeded by Pam and Marlene and looks good. The Londonderry sign needs touch up painting on the frame. The Londonderry sign across from 3148 Route 11 also needs touching up. **Action:** Pam will contact Rick McDonough to touch up the two signs.

Barrel by gas station: (Cheryl Edwards) A resident suggested the container be painted and the committee agreed. **Action:** Cheryl will paint the container black.

Planter by Burton Snowboard Marker: (Cheryl Edwards) New plants look great.

Triangle: (Group) Beautification team (Pam, Gale, Cheryl and Marlene) weeded the garden and it looks good.

Update on Bridge Baskets and Boxes:

Williams Bridge (Gale Kuhlberg) The new planters and plants look great.

Yin Yang Bridge (Marlene Boyaner) Cheryl and Marlene changed out some of the boxes in poor conditions with other boxes to better support the plants and moved them closer together. Plants look good and are more visible in this arrangement.

Watering

Rugg Valley will water the planters by the gas station and the Burton marker when they water the Friends of Main Street barrels.

The Tobins will be watering the flower boxes at the Williams bridge through the summer.

A watering schedule for the flower boxes at the Yin Yang bridge has been established with a rotation of Bonny, Cheryl and Marlene. We will also water the boxwoods in the interim at the church. We will seek additional waterers when the boxwoods move to the town office.

Aiken's Corner Update: Rugg Valley has done maintenance on the plantings and trees and the town is mowing the property. It looks much better.

Old Business:

- a. South Londonderry Bridge: **Action:** Cheryl will be looking into the feasibility of adding flower boxes without impeding traffic sightlines and will discuss with Vtrans.
- b. Cement wall at coffee shop: Beautification Committee was asked about adding flower boxes on the wall which would need to be secured. After review, the Committee has decided against this because of the poor condition of the wall.
- c. Community tree/shrub grant application. The team thinks this is worth pursuing. **Action:** Bonny, Martha and Barb

New Business: The Beautification Committee is seeking **new members**. Please contact Bonny Johnson at bonnyjean48@gmail.com if interested.

Meeting Location: In view of the recent decision to hold town committee meetings only in public venues, the committee has a few additional public sites that we will request be added to the list of acceptable locations. **Action:** Bonny and Martha to discuss with the Selectboard Chair and Town Administrator.

A special thank you to all who have contributed and continue to do so to making the town look good. We appreciate your efforts!

Next Meeting Date: August 5, 10am, location TBD

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Boyaner