

**Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes April 27, 2026.**

**Location:** South Londonderry Free Library, 15 Old School St., South Londonderry, VT 05155

**Present:** Bonny Johnson, Gale Kuhlberg, Martha Dale, Cheryl Edwards, Marlene Boyaner.

**Absent:** Barbara Wells

**Meeting Minutes:** The November 10, 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Financial report:** The latest expense report for year ending June 30, 2026, was reviewed and this budget is fully committed. We need the final amount owing to Glebe in early May for the flower plugs for the baskets which have been planted but won't be put out until June.

The approved budget for FY July 1/26 to June 30/27 is \$4K. The team discussed a preliminary budget. A few ideas will be scoped out for cost and budget plan will be reviewed again at the May meeting.

**Town Gardens:**

**Town Office:** the boxwood planters and bench are now outside the town office. Everything looks good. The memorial garden needs a little weeding and sprucing up.

**Triangle:** (All) The triangle needs fixing up after a truck drove on it in the winter. This garden needs a deep weeding and mulch. We'll get a cost estimate (to do after spring plants and the new geraniums start to emerge). (Action: Marlene) We need to make the garden easier to maintain and have it cleaned up and looking good before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**Garden by Brown:** We'd like to see the sight lines to this garden not blocked inadvertently by heavy equipment out on display.

**Barrel by gas station:** (Cheryl Edwards) The plants have all come back. The container needs a little cleaning up and mulching. We've decided not to paint the container as it would then require repeated painting to maintain.

**Planter by Burton Snowboard Marker:** (Cheryl Edwards) We will add some colorful plants and mulch this spring.

**Bridge Baskets and Boxes:**

**Williams Bridge** (Gale Kuhlberg) We will coordinate with Rotary to hang 8 planters in June.

**South Londonderry Bridge:** (Barb Wells and Cheryl Edwards) We will coordinate with Rotary to hang 3 planters in June.

Note: These planters are replacing the boxes that used to be on the Yin Yang bridge. Plants did not have sufficient impact on the longer bridge. Most of the old broken wooden boxes have been destroyed. We will look to redeploy any that are left.

**Holiday Decorations:** We anticipate needing to replace some decorative holiday balls & add a few as the trees grow bigger.

**Watering:** We are building on an approach to watering that worked better last year. Our plan is to assign 3 people to water plants at each location. 2+ Gale (to be confirmed) on the Williams bridge boxes, 3 people on Burton box and gas station container, and 3 people on SoLo bridge (which has a sidewalk). Please contact Marlene if anyone would like to help with this. Marlene will also reach out to past volunteers and then put a schedule together based on volunteers' schedule availability.

**Aiken's Corner Update:** Rugg Valley will maintain the plantings and trees at Aiken's Corner pro bono. The town's mowing crew (under Parks and Recreation) will continue to mow Aiken's Corner. Thank you all!

**New Ideas:**

**Hang Bunting** on Utley Brook bridge and other bridges for holiday weekends (red, white and blue that are tied top and bottom). Cheryl will get a cost estimate and discuss with VTrans.

**Low maintenance plantings on hill** by cemetery on Route 11 where the tree stumps are – Marlene will get a cost estimate and ideas. We understand that trees downed and left by the power company may be the responsibility of the landowner.

**Committee Membership:**

Pam Abraham has resigned from the committee. We thank Pam for her wonderful ideas and significant contributions to the committee and the town over many years.

The Beautification Committee is seeking **additional members and friends who would like to help.** Please contact Bonny Johnson at [bonnyjean48@gmail.com](mailto:bonnyjean48@gmail.com) if interested.

**Next Meeting Date:** May 18, 2026 10 am.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Boyaner