

Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting on November 19, 2024

In Person at Cyndie Stetson's Home

1. Called to order at 7:20 pm. Minutes from October 21, 2024, meeting were approved. Present were Cyndie Stetson, Virginia Gary and Ann Grieco.

2. Old Business: Members have continued cutting back lilies, weeding and cleaning up areas around town. Caitlyn, who was hired by the town, is cleaning up, weeding, pruning, etc., areas around town buildings, including Gracie House. She is doing a great job and we much appreciate her efforts.

The Beautification Committee may need to continue weed whacking around the town signs and Town Hall, but we will wait to see. Although no one responded to Cyndie's request in the Goal Post for volunteers to help us, two people let Cyndie know they would be willing to help but don't want to join the committee. Virginia said she would ask Roberta Baker if she would like to join the committee. Brittingham Hill has been deadheaded; the mums in the barrel still look great. After Thanksgiving, Cyndie will take the window boxes and decorations off the wall by the dam and store them for the winter.

Virginia removed and composted the old pumpkins and cornstalks used as decorations around town. We discussed how much work needed to be done by the stone bench. Cyndie's Veteran's Day service was well attended.

3. New Business: Cyndie will place another container by the church water faucet and at Percy's Point. She will fix the window box by the gazebo that blows off in high winds. Cyndie and Virginia will deadhead, weed and clean up the garden by the Potter Road sign.

On Friday, December 6, help is needed between 10 am and noon to decorate the gazebo for the Frost 'N Flannel event on Sunday, December 8. We need to put up strings of light supplied by the Town. Cyndie has a timer which is set up and ready to go. Virginia and Ann plan to be there to help. Dawn will already be working there.

The Town's Summer Social is scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 2025. It was suggested that the Garden Tour be held on July 12 from 9:00 or 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Holding these events over two days will allow more time for people to enjoy both. Since six gardens will be included in the 2025 tour, extra time is definitely needed for people to be able to visit and enjoy them. Cyndie's garden will not be included. Cyndie spoke with the Planning Board and suggested that the Rowe Center may be a good option for supplying food for the event. The Planning Board approved the idea and said that the Rowe Center could charge for it. Cyndie will ask the Rowe Center if they would like to participate.

After Thanksgiving, we will put up ornaments and other decorations around town. Next year, we plan to create a new garden at the Transfer Station. The area has lots of shade. We will plant impatiens in the barrel again because they did so well. Astilbe are already there and will do fine.

We discussed decorating the Town sign with silver or gold garland, or evergreen boughs, plus adding ornaments.

Next April, planters and other materials will need to be prepared for Spring projects throughout town. Since Cyndie is having surgery in May, we agreed to help her get around and work on Spring projects prior to her surgery and while she is recovering.

Next year, we need to place markers in the ground to let the Road Crew know where flowers and other plants are so that they aren't mowed. Cyndie showed us a lovely solar lit garden decoration as an example of what might be used as a marker.

4. Citizens' Comments: None.

5. Next Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2024. We will have a pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm, and then a brief meeting at 7:00 pm.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.