**Town of Rowe**

Beautification – Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2014 - 7:00 pm

Rowe Town Hall

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**Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chiafolo at 7:15 pm.

**Present:** Chair Thom Chiofalo , Janice Boudreau, Jodi Brown and Chris Tower

**Audience**: None

**New Business:**

1. Welcome New Members: Chair Chiofalo welcomed new members Janice Boudreau and Jodi Brown

2. Replacing the Well Sweep: There was discussion about replacing the Well Sweep on the Town Common as the prior one had rotten away. It was agreed it was important to preserve history and speak with several woodworkers to discuss the cost.

**Motion to Replace Well Sweep**: Following discussion, Chair Chiofalo made a motion to use funds from the

Beautification Fund to replace the Well Sweep at the well in Town Common. The motion, seconded by Jodi Brown

was accepted.

3. Cutting Trees in Apple Orchard: There was discussion about the Park Ranger Sean Loomis and whether trees should be cut to save the apple orchard at the Park and a maple tree obstructing the view. Chair Chiofalo reported that he was waiting to hear back from Sean following his meeting with Mark Stinson of the Department of Environmental Protection.

4. Fountain Planting Update: There was discussion about what plants would be best suited for the Fountain Planting at Town Hall. Following discussion, it was agreed to plant an annual and perennial mix and possibly add some bulbs.

5. Town Hall Parking Lot Fence: It was agreed to continue planting roses for the parking lost fence.

6. Fire Department Barrels and Future Plantings: It was agreed to continue planting flowers in the barrels outside the Fire Station providing a volunteer would agree to water. Jodi Brown agreed to find a suitable volunteer.

7. Town Common Hurtle Construction: It was agreed to table discussion about the Hurtle construction offered by Mary Jo Fuller until a later date.

8. Holiday Decorations: Following discussion, it was agreed to research finding some inexpensive ways to decorate for the Holidays and possibly find an organization that could benefit from the proceeds.

9. Replacing Benches: Chair Chiofalo said a citizen had pointed out that the wooden benches on the Town Common were rotting away. There was discussion about what could replace them including having “Memorial Benches” inscribed to memorialize a townsperson. It was agreed to look into costs, longevity of materials, design and fundraising efforts since costs might exceed the FY15 Budget.

**Minutes:**

**Motion to Accept Minutes: Following review, Jodi Brown made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 25, 2014 as presented. The motion, seconded by Thom Chiafolo, was accepted. Janice Boudreau abstained from the vote as she was not present at the meeting.**

**Adjournment:**

**Seeing no further business, Chair Chiafolo made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 8:41 p.m. The motion, seconded by Jodi Brown, was accepted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau

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Thom Chiafolo, Chair

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**Attachments:**

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