

Fairhaven Beautification Committee

Fairhaven, MA

Minutes
April 3, 2014

Attendance: Wayne Oliveira, Vicki Paquette, John Medeiros, Gary Lavallette.

This is the first organizational meeting of the Fairhaven Beautification Committee after being inactive for approx. 3 years due to activities with the Bicentennial Celebration and a change in membership. The following people have expressed interest in remaining on the committee.

1. Wayne Oliveira
2. Vicki Paquette
3. John Medeiros
4. Gary Lavallette
5. Rod Lopez
6. Beth Macomber
7. Beverly Rasmussen

We have contacted the other members who were listed on the roll call sheet from the Selectmen's Office.

- Ethel Cataldo has withdrawn from the Committee
- Barbara Sawyer and Kathy Thompson were unable to be reached by the contact information listed.

Vote is held to have one of the members serve as Chairman of the Committee. Wayne Oliveira is nominated as chair by John Medeiros with no other nominations from the floor. 2nd by Vicki Paquette. Vote is unanimous.

Discussion followed on how the committee would move forward with a brief Mission Statement.

The Fairhaven Beautification Committee will help to facilitate a positive appearance within the Town of Fairhaven in all of the regions of the town.

This committee will be an advisory group that will report back to the appropriate boards and departments about any issues that involve the overall appearance of the community and come up with ideas that will help facilitate correction of the problem. Those issues will include, but not limited to, graffiti, areas of disrepair, rundown conditions of properties and specified public areas. We will monitor conditions of public parks and gardens and seek ways to beautify entrances and gateways to the town as well as facilitating clean-up projects.

Some projects suggested for consideration are:

1. Beautifying and maintaining the Route 6 median strips from Adams Street to Middle Street.
2. Improving conditions at the small strip of grass at Route 6 and Middle Street along side the seaport Inn. Currently there is a disorganized display of club signage that should be better organized or removed as this is the entrance to town.

3. Banners and signage at the entrances and gateways to Fairhaven.
4. N-Star double poles.
5. Unsightly weeds and trash along traffic islands.
6. Town Hall Auditorium rehab and gift fund to maintain the hall and any required equipment.

Motion to have the Selectmen post an announcement that we are seeking members to serve on this committee. PASSED. We would like to see a total of 12 members appointed to the committee. Currently we have 7.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm.

Next meeting to be held on May 8th 7:00pm at the Fire Station Meeting Hall

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Oliveira

Chairman