

*Fairhaven Beautification Committee*  
*Fairhaven, MA*

June 12, 2014

In Attendance: Wayne Oliveira, Vicki Paquette, John Medeiros, Gary Lavalette, Beverly Rasmussen, Karen Vilandry.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

RTE 6

Mr. Oliveira noted that the extra signs on rte. 6 near Veteran's Park have been removed and that area has been cleaned up a little bit. A proposal was made to move the Bicentennial sign in front of Roland's Tire on Howland Road. Ideas were discussed to re-purpose it as a Welcome Sign or an entrance sign at Cushman Park. Currently there is no sign at Cushman Park. Mr. Oliveira mentioned that Mr. John Medeiros has 2 granite posts that he would like to see used as sign posts for the sign to be mounted on. Discussion ensued as to the amount of graffiti that is at Cushman Park lately.

Ideas were discussed on ways to enhance the overall look of the town and bring it back to the "old town feel." Committee members felt this would be a good project to start pursuing in the winter time. Ideas were brought up to research other towns in Massachusetts and New England that maintain the "old time look" but still have the modern conveniences. It was suggested to speak to Bill Roth, the Town Planner and the Planning Board on ways to accomplish this task. Having period lighting along Huttleston Avenue and more trees was one of the suggestions.

Ms. Vilandry expressed concern as to why there is not a school zone sign anywhere near the High School or even any speed limit signs in that stretch of road.

GRAFFITI

Different ideas were discussed about ways to help combat some of the graffiti in the Park as well as all over town. Mr. Oliveira suggested having a form that keeps track of the graffiti that could be filled out periodically. The form could then be taken to the DPW. Mr. Lavalette suggested going before the Selectboard to get a Community Action group together that could help monitor the graffiti and then report back to the DPW. Discussion ensued about keeping the lines of communication open with the DPW and this Committee. Mr. Lavalette spoke about the expense that he has incurred trying to keep up with cleaning the graffiti and if there is any way to get reimbursed for his expenses. Ms. Vilandry suggested that maybe if there were a place that these graffiti artist could go to paint they would be able

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to be contained to one spot. Someplace where they would be allowed to paint but it would not be an eyesore for residents.

COOKE PARK

Cooke Park was discussed. The Committee all agreed that this was not a project that Beautification Committee should be taking on at this time.

VETERANS PARK

Mr. Oliveira will be speaking with several of Fairhaven's Veteran's to discuss what will be done with Veteran's Park. A few Veterans' Groups have been discussing other places to move the Memorial Park and ways that they could enhance the current park. All members agreed this committee will help assist the Veteran's on their mission of beautifying Veteran's Memorial Park.

PLANTERS

Mr. Oliveira purchased 12 planters for the center median on Rt 6. These planters will be filled with flags and placed along Huttleston Avenue this Saturday in observance of Flag Day, the day of Homecoming and during the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. Medeiros will be supplying the flags.

Ms. Vilandry spoke with Jane Howland of Howland Nurseries in regards to what flowers would do well in the planters. It was suggested that wax begonias are very hardy and do well in the heat and are drought resistant. The committee agreed that since the cobblestones in the center will be torn up and revamped soon that it would be best to wait for the flowers until next spring.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Next meeting will be on August 14, 2014 in the Fairhaven Fire Station meeting room

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Paquette