

Fairhaven Beautification Committee
Fairhaven, MA

November 13, 2014

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm in the Police Station Roll Call meeting room due to an unexpected class in the Fire Station meeting room.

There were no minutes read from the previous meeting because a quorum was not met therefore the members who were present just met informally.

COOKE PARK

Ms. Vilandry noted that she did some sprucing up of the Park by planting some daffodils and tulips. She noted that the some of the Cherry trees have been replaced. She is doing research to find out if more bodies are still buried there. She would like to see a sign memorializing that it was once called "Burial Hill."

RTE6 CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Oliveira has been in touch with NSTAR and has been told that March & April is when the DOT is doing the traffic island and the new lights. The cobblestones in the center island will be removed and reset with cement.

DOUBLE POLES

Mr. John Medeiros contacted Mr. Oliveira in regards to the procedure for the removal of the double poles. There is a chain of command that must be followed in order for the extra pole to come down. Mr. Medeiros offered to help develop a system to help in contacting the proper person in order for this action to happen.

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SEAPORT STRIP and ENTERANCE

Mr. Lavalette brought a Poster board with pictures showing the entrances to Fairhaven. All members agreed that each entrance needs updating and sprucing up. Most signs are in need of much repair. Discussion ensued on ways to make the entrances more pleasing and inviting.

Entrances that were discussed were:

RTE 240/BRIDGE STREET

MAIN STREET/ALDEN ROAD (at the Acushnet line)

RTE 6 at the MATTAPOISETT LINE

HOWLAND RD OVERPASS

SEAPORT INN ENTERANCE

TRASH BARRELS

Ms. Vilandry made mention of the new trash and recycling barrels that will be made available for residents. She noted that the color is not pleasing to the eye and Dartmouth has purchased brown that blends in with the landscape.

LONG TERM PLANNING

Mrs. Rassmussen asked if we could speak to Mr. Roth and the Planning Board about creating a "color" bylaw to keep businesses and residents from painting buildings that are bright and eyesores. She noted that down the Cape businesses are not big and bright and they blend in with the community.

TREES


Discussion ensued in regards to the removal of several trees along Elm Avenue, Francis Street, and Linden Avenue. This is part of a reconstruction project. Members all agreed that they would like to see the trees stay or if they need to come down at least be replaced once removed. Mr. Oliveira will write a letter to the Selectboard stating this committee's feeling on the subject.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. Motion made by Mr. Lavalette and second by Ms. Vilandry.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Fairhaven Fire Station meeting room

Respectfully submitted,



Vicki Paquette

(Minutes approved on 1/08/2015)