

Meeting Minutes- Halifax Beautification Committee **April 8, 2019**

Present: Candace Kniffen, Greg Cowan, Amy Troup, Jeanne Kling, Cesar Calauro, Tom Schindler, Kimberly King

Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m.

Beautification Committee E-Mail Address: A motion was made and approved by the quorum of Candy K, Greg C, and Jeanne K for the newly-created HBC e-mail address of Beautification@halifax-ma.org to go through the Chair. All e-mails will now be documented and information will be shared on the server.

“Recycle, Reduce, Reuse” Brochure: Candy developed the brochure with technical assistance by Cesar Calauro and presented the draft to the committee for editing. Minor typographical and wording changes were agreed upon, including on the back page section about Clean Up Day: “Witness the issues for yourself.” and regarding the HBC Facebook page: we deleted the statement “Help Keep Halifax Beautiful” and added “Share your photos with us.” Cesar will finish editing the brochure and Candy will have 100 copies made. He is also designing a flyer which will include the “5 R’s”: Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, Rethink, Refuse.

Planters: Tom Schindler from the Building Maintenance Dept showed us examples of several planters that are currently being stored in the basement of the Town Hall. There are over two dozen planters of various sizes. We discussed possible uses for them: churches, Holmes Library, HOPS Playground, Council on Aging, neighborhoods/various other locations. Tom will take an inventory of the number/approximate sizes of the available planters and send it to Jeanne/the Beautification Committee. Kimberly King mentioned that her Daisy Troop will be planting flowers at the Council on Aging. She offered for her troop to fill a planter or two with flowers for the HOPS Playground. We will add this topic to the agenda of the next meeting.

Daisy Troop/Cub Scouts: Kimberly King shared that her Daisy Troop will participate on Clean Up Day and will gather at the Town Hall at 9:45. There will probably be 9 girls and 4 adults and they will clean from the tennis courts to the Council on Aging. Selectman Troy Garron and Rep Kathleen LaNatra will join the Daisy Troop. Kimberly also mentioned that the Cub Scouts will be doing clean up at the library at 9:00 that day. She shared the contact information of the Cub Master/Asst. Cub Master. Jeanne has contacted them to request that they come to the Town Hall that morning to check in and receive t-shirts. Our Lady of the Lake’s First Communion is on 4/27 also. The Daisy’s would like to display their tri-fold litter boards at the Town Hall on Clean Up Day and Candy suggested setting them up on the porch under the overhang. We discussed the possibility of providing drinks and refreshments that day but no decisions were made.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Rain Barrels: Nancy Botelho has coordinated with the American Rain Barrel Company to make rain barrels available to residents for a reduced cost of \$69 on Clean Up Day. Two sample rain barrels will be delivered to Nancy. She and her husband, Joe, will bring the barrels and demonstrate how to use them on Clean Up Day. Order forms will be available for orders to be taken that day. In order to get the reduced price, the Beautification Committee agreed to distribute the rain barrels when they are delivered in June. Nancy will speak to the Recycling Dept about having them delivered for possible distribution on a Monday night during Recycling Hours (5-8 p.m.). Jeanne will promote the rain barrel sale via e-mail and Facebook.

Talent Bank: Jeanne Donahue submitted a Talent Bank Form indicating that she was interested in possibly joining the Beautification Committee. There are currently no vacancies but we noted her e-mail/ contact information.

Article on Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags: Candy/ HBC is on the agenda for Board of Selectmen meeting on 4/23 at 7:40 p.m. to share plans for Clean Up Day and to solicit their support for the article. She is also on the agenda for the Board of Health meeting on 5/1 and will also ask that they take a vote/position. Candy has also contacted the Finance Committee to get on their agenda; they will have to make a recommendation at the Town Meeting on 5/13.

Earth Day Library Viewing: On 4/22, from 6:30-7:30, the Beautification Committee will be hosting an Informational Opportunity through the screening of two short videos: "A Month Without Single-Use Plastic" and "Reducing Single Use Plastics at the Local Level". Both videos are appropriate for all ages. We are offering popcorn and asking that everyone bring their own drinks and also re-usable bowls/containers for their popcorn. We will have discussion after each video. If time allows, we may also show the 5-minute video: "Are You Eating Plastics for Dinner?" We will have copies of the flyer, Clean Up Day info, and re-usable shopping bags from Mutual Bank for everyone. Candy will speak to Jean Gallant and Marie Coady at the library about promoting the screening and how to show the videos that night.

Spring Clean Up Day: Jeanne said that Cesar has geo-mapping capabilities to make individual maps for locations for Clean Up Day. The committee agreed that for now we will use the list of locations/routes that we have which include areas recommended by the committee and people in town via Facebook. Jeanne will share the list of "Clean Up Routes" with the committee. Greg plans to check out the areas prior to Clean Up Day. Amy said she will ask Webby Engineering for an enlarged copy of the town map for use on 4/27. Jeanne will ask Buzz Around and the Plympton-Halifax Express to promote Clean Up Day.

Agenda for the next meeting 4/22

"Reduction of Single Use Plastic Bags" article- planning presentation at Town Meeting

*Tom Schindler re: planters/signs; How to offer planters to groups & individuals

*Sign for Peg Fitzgerald Garden

*Finalizing plans for Library screening and Clean-Up Day

Next meetings: April 22, and May 6 at 1:00

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.~ Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Kling