

Meeting Minutes- Halifax Beautification Committee

April 22, 2019

Present: Candace Kniffen, Greg Cowan, Amy Troup, Nancy Botelho, Jeanne Kling
Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting were approved with one change: change the word flyer to “brochure” in paragraph 3. The vote to approve the 4/8/19 Minutes was: 3 in favor, 2 abstaining (Amy T. had questions and Nancy was absent from that meeting)

Bills: Candy signed and turned in the bill for “Create My Tee” for \$275. A vote was previously made and approved for the payment for the Clean Up Day T-shirts. Candy presented a bill for \$125 from We Print Today for 200 brochures. A motion was made and approved unanimously for this bill.

Earth Day Library Viewing: All set for tonight, 4/22, from 6:30-7:30, for the Beautification Committee to host the screening of 2-3 short videos: “A Month Without Single-Use Plastic” and “Reducing Single Use Plastics at the Local Level”. The videos are appropriate for all ages. We will have copies of the brochure, Clean Up Day info, and reusable shopping bags from Mutual Bank for everyone. Candy made arrangements with Jean Gallant and Marie Coady at the library. Nancy suggested that we take pictures for the Facebook pages.

Spring Clean Up Day: All the details and plans are in place. Greg has the list of Clean Up Routes/participants. Candy suggested asking people to empty the litter on Clean Up Day directly into the dumpster and to recycle the plastic bags to spread the message to recycle. We discussed the improvement of the area next to the Cumberland Farms plaza. A temporary fence has been put up and litter has been cleaned. Jeanne contacted the District Mngr. Jean Ferland to thank her for making this happen. Candy shared that there is a large amount of trash near the santander Bank on the field by the “stand alone” ATM machines.

Candy also suggested that when we publicize Clean Up Day we request that even if people are unable to join us for Clean Up Day, that they use the opportunity to clear any litter from wherever their property reaches public streets/land.

Adopt-A-Planter: Amy will contact Tom Schindler from the Building Maintenance Dept to get the inventory of how many planters there are of different sizes. The committee will be looking for businesses and community groups to “Adopt-A-Planter”. Suggestions included: the Congregational Church (they would like 2 large planters), Mutual Bank (they would like 2 large planters), HOPS Playground (Kimberly King offered that the Daisies could plant for them), the Historical Society/Museum, the Police Station, C-MAC. Signs will need to be made and Candy will contact sign makers for some possibilities.

We brainstormed a list of expectations that will be shared with anyone who decides to take a planter: *“By taking this planter you will agree to fill it, plant it, maintain it, and leave it in a visible spot during the growing season. You will store it indoors during the winter months. You*

may keep this planter until you are no longer able to maintain it, at which time we ask that you find another organization to care for it.” Amy will write up these expectations and bring them to the next meeting on 4/29.

Rain Barrels: Nancy Botelho spoke to Steve Hayward and the Rain Barrel Co. representative. She has made a tentative plan for distribution from the Recycling Center: Monday 6/10 (5-8 p.m., Wednesday 6/12 (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.) and Saturday 6/15 (9 a.m. -12:30 p.m.). Steve agreed to have the barrels delivered to the Town Barn and to transport them to the Recycling Center. The rain barrels are repurposed olive containers. Nancy & Joe Botelho will demonstrate how to use them on Clean Up Day. Nancy will share publicity information with Jeanne so that we can promote on Facebook and also through the contacts on the email list.

Talent Bank: Candy contacted Jeanne Donahue, who had submitted a Talent Bank Form. Jeanne will be participating on Clean Up Day.

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. The HBC is also on the agenda for the Board of Health meeting on 5/1 and will also ask that they take a vote/position. She is still waiting to hear from the Finance Committee to get on their agenda as they will have to make a recommendation at the Town Meeting on 5/13.

Agenda for the next meeting 4/22

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

*Review the expectations list for “Adopt-A-Planter” (Amy)

Next meeting: April 29 at 1:00

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Kling