

Meeting Minutes- Halifax Beautification Committee **Feb. 4, 2019**

Present: Candace Kniffen, Greg Cowan, Amy Troup, Nancy Botelho, Joseph Botelho, Jeanne Kling, Barbara Donato (C-MAC Services, Inc.)

Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m.

Nancy Botelho was welcomed to the Beautification Committee. She was officially sworn in today.

Approved the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting

Candy mentioned that the BC members will need to sign the bill schedule. The Town Accountant will be mailing the \$125 check to Neil Rhein for Keep Massachusetts Beautiful membership.

The committee approved the 2018 Town Report. Jeanne will send electronic copy to Pam McSherry.

Peg Fitzgerald Garden

Three landscaping companies that submitted the estimates for two-year maintenance/care plan for the PF Garden were invited to today's meeting (C-MAC, Nessralla, and Simply Cut). Barbara Donato confirmed that the tasks listed on the estimate are appropriate and added that if C-MAC is awarded the contract they would sometimes offer additional plants that they have available. She also stated that they would do edging of the garden. Candy told Barbara that the BC will prefer that red salvia and purple verbena are the annuals that are used for the garden, as they were favorites in Peg's home garden. The Committee unanimously voted to award the landscaping contract to C-MAC, Services. The contract will run from February 11, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

Town Meeting Article- Plastic Bag Ban

Todd Koep (DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator) was on the agenda to meet with us today but was ill. He will be invited to the next meeting. Candy shared the proposed article with Todd and his advice was to remove the wording "less than 3ML thick" in the definition of the plastic carryout bag. A motion was made and approved to remove "less than 3ML thick" as stated in the article. Candy will make the corrections to the proposed article and resubmit to Charlie Seelig. She will also give copies of the revised article to Jeanne and Cathy Drinan/BOH.

Jeanne will attend the Board of Health meeting on Wed 2/6 to discuss the proposed plastic bag ban. In other researched plastic bag bans, the city/town Board of Health is responsible for enforcing the by-law. Jeanne will ask the BOH if they will support the article and if they will agree to enforce the article as written.

Spring Clean Up Day: April 27th

Jeanne shared the new flyer for Spring Clean Up Day. The committee approved that Candy will have 75 copies of the flyer made to be passed out on the Feb 25th Special Town Meeting. The remaining copies will be put up in various locations around town. Candy will leave some in the BC mailbox for members to take and hang up. Jeanne will also send an e-mail, with the flyer as an attachment, to the contact list announcing the date of Clean Up Day and asking people to spread the word. Flyers should also be sent out through HES, SLRMS and SLRHS. We need to contact the PTO, Key Club, and Recycling Club as well as other community groups.

We would like to determine 8-10 areas in need of clean up. Committee members will bring a list of streets to next meeting. Amy will check if there is a Halifax street map available and we will consider highlighting the areas needed for clean up to help organize teams on Clean Up Day. Jeanne will contact Neil Rhein/KMB for information on the availability of t-shirts and also the cost of including sponsor names on them.

Trash Barrels

Candy was contacted by a resident, Shirley Graf, asking that we consider providing more trash barrels to reduce the amount of littering. We had a discussion on this but did not take any action.

Rain Barrels

Nancy shared some preliminary research information. The barrels that she found ranged in price from \$37-\$122. She felt that may be too large to be used in many of the islands around town. No action was taken.

Candy, Amy, Nancy, and Jeanne signed off on the bill schedule.

Agenda for the next meeting

- Planning for Spring Clean Up Day
- Proposed article on the Plastic Bag Ban and report on Board of Health meeting
- Adopt-an-Island: list of potential islands, rain barrel information, signage

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Next meeting: March 4th at 1:00

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Kling