

## **Meeting Minutes- Halifax Beautification Committee**      **March 4, 2019**

Present: Candace Kniffen, Greg Cowan, Amy Troup, Nancy Botelho, Jeanne Kling, Scott Materna (Halifax Director of Building Maintenance)

*Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.*

Candy presented the bill from “We Print Today” for \$18.75 to print 75 flyers for Spring Clean Up Day. Candy, Jeanne, Greg and Nancy also signed a form to authorize Candy and Jeanne to authorize payments outside of meeting times. Amy did not sign the form; she would like to research it first.

The minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Article on Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Bags**

Because Amy had stated that she was no longer in favor of the plastic bag article submitted by the Committee, Candy explained that she could request (make a motion) to bring the article up again for reconsideration. She explained that this would give Amy the opportunity to go on record as opposing the article, since the original vote was unanimous in support of the article. Amy made the motion and it was voted unanimously to discuss reconsideration. After discussion of the merits of the article, it was moved and seconded to re-vote submission of the article. The vote was 4-1 in favor of submission. Amy was the one no vote.

Amy and Jeanne went to the Board of Health meeting on Feb 6th to discuss the plastic bag article, but the BOH didn't have this topic on the agenda so we could not formally discuss. Jeanne gave the members copies of the proposed article and the plan was that we would be on the agenda at the next meeting, Feb 20th. The Feb 20th BOH meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. In the meantime, there was a suggestion from a BOH member that the Recycling Dept should be the enforcer for the article. The Highway Supt, Steve Hayward, oversees the Recycling Dept. A motion was made and approved (4 in favor, 1 abstaining) for Candy to contact BOH and postpone meeting with them until after she meets with Susan (Recycling Dept) and Steve Hayward to discuss.

### **Spring Clean Up Day: April 27th at 10:00**

**\*Maintenance Dept:** Scott Materna, Director of Building Maintenance, attended the meeting today. He said the Maintenance Dept will continue to take care of litter on the property of all town buildings. Scott also noted that he and 3-4 members of the Maintenance Dept would participate in Clean Up Day. He said that they will have a truck available to pick up large items and can help in any way that is needed on Clean Up Day. Scott shared his email address and cell phone number with the committee. The board requested that he send Jeanne any pictures of his crew cleaning up to be included on the Facebook page and/or other publicity after the event. Steve Hayward and the Highway Dept have also offered their assistance this year, as they have done on past Clean Up Days.

**\*Map/ Locations:** Amy didn't bring a town map to the meeting but mentioned that there is a map of Halifax available on the Assessor's page of the town website. Greg provided a list of Halifax locations to target on Clean Up Day. The list included the distance of each section of

road and a recommended number of people to clean each area. Other members will send their suggested locations to Jeanne so that she can prepare a sign-up list to be used on Clean Up Day. We plan to have a town map available on Clean Up Day to show locations in need of litter patrol to participants. Scott recommended that we contact Steve Hayward/Highway Dept for suggestions of town locations to focus on for clean up.

\*Publicity: Candy had 75 flyers printed to spread the word about the spring clean up. Some have been posted and others were available at the Special Town Meeting. Candy told the HBC that there are several flyers left to post around town. Jeanne sent email with attachment of the flyer to all HBC contacts. She created a Facebook event about Clean Up Day, asking people to meet at the Town Hall steps at 10:00. The Buzz Around will continue to publicize Clean Up Day on its weekly Buzz Around email to Halifax residents. The town calendar has the information and Charlie is aware and will post info on the sign outside the Fire Station prior to Clean Up Day. Jeanne will also contact the Plympton-Halifax Express to ask them to print a copy of the flyer as a public service announcement in the week or two before Spring Clean Up Day. She will contact Halifax Elementary School, SLRMS, and SLRHS to ask that they send electronic mailers of our flyers to notify students/families of Clean Up Day.

\*Community Groups: The Silver Lake High School Key Club is again planning to participate. The National Honor Society advisor said that the students will be doing their own clean up on the school grounds during Earth Day week, but she will post the flyer and let students know they can participate for community service. Jeanne will contact the teacher in charge of the Recycling Club at HES to see if the members/5th graders will participate. Greg said he'll contact Patty Justice to ask that the Boy Scouts join us again this year. Amy mentioned that Krystal Forni (from Well Community Church) was unable to attend today's meeting but had mentioned to Amy the possibility of providing food/snacks on Clean Up Day.

\*T-shirts: A motion was made and approved unanimously to spend \$275 for the purchase of 50 t-shirts for Clean Up Day. We agreed that there is not enough time to seek sponsors to advertise their businesses on t-shirts this year but that we should plan this for next year.

\*Bags: · Amy reported later in the meeting, after emailing Dennis Carmen, that he will be supplying additional bags again this year. Jeanne also reported that we still have several boxes of plastic bags remaining that Walmart donated for Fall Clean Up Day.

#### \*Rain Barrels

Nancy shared some preliminary research information. She found a company, "The Great American Rain Barrel Company" that sells rain barrels for \$99. Nancy will contact them to ask if a representative will bring a sample rain barrel to the Town Hall on Clean Up Day to show residents, so that they may purchase one if desired.

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.*

#### **Agenda for the next meeting**

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

\*Adopt-an-Island: list of potential islands, rain barrel information, signage, Mutual Bank (Kristen Barrows told JK that MB may be interested in being a sponsor)

\*Krystal Forni- providing snacks on Clean Up Day?

\*Tom Schindler (Building Maintenance Dept) re: planters to donate

**Next meetings: March 25, April 8, and April 22 at 1:00**

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Kling