

## **Meeting Minutes- Halifax Beautification Committee**

**November 5, 2018**

Present: Candace Kniffen, Greg Cowan, Amy Troup, Jeanne Kling  
-Approved the minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting

Fall Clean Up Day: Saturday, Nov. 10th (10:00 am -12:00 pm). The Committee members will meet at the Town Hall at 9:45. Amy is working and unable to attend.

*Procedures discussed:* Charlie Seelig said that we can use the town dumpster in the town Hall parking lot on Clean Up day. We will provide two different colored trash bags (white and dark) and request that people separate the litter into recyclables and trash. They can place recyclables in their home recycle bins and bring trash to the Town Hall dumpster. We will increase the promoting of the Clean Up event/guidelines through an email blast and on Facebook (HBC page and Halifax Community page) this week. We agreed to explain that we have limited manpower and to request that everyone spread the word and share pictures of their clean up efforts. In addition, we'll ask that if unable to participate in Saturday's town-wide cleanup to clear litter from public areas in front and alongside their homes. The committee determined several high trash areas in town to focus on: Rt 106 from Pine Street to East Bridgewater line, Rt 36, Rt 105, Fuller Street.

Jeanne will ask Stop & Shop or Walmart to donate plastic bags. She will bring them on Saturday, along with remaining T-shirts. Jeanne will call Steve Hayward to confirm that the Highway Dept. is willing to pick up heavy items as they did during Spring Clean Up Week and send him a copy of the updated guidelines.

Litter Summit: Candy gave us an update on the Litter Summit that she attended on Saturday (hosted by Neil Rhein and Keep Massachusetts Beautiful). She believes that only 4 towns are currently dues-paying members. Greg will ask Neil Rhein if the dues could be reduced to possibly \$125. Approximately 20 people participated in the Ideas and resources were shared. Natick has an "Adopt-A-Spot" program and their DPW highlights "high trash areas" in town to be adopted. Neil presented strategies increase participation, including requesting Scouts, church groups, and sports teams take part in Clean Up efforts. Candy commented that we are already doing much of what was presented at the conference. Candy noted that there will be a KMB curriculum presentation at a school in Millis on Nov. 15th. Amy had expressed a desire to attend a presentation, Neil Rhein has the details of time and location. e "No plastic bags" ordinances have been passed in 87 MA towns. Also, if interested we can apply for a grant through KAB for a Sidewalk Butler, or they can be purchased for \$50 each through KMB. There was discussion on whether or not it is legal to smoke in Halifax in public spaces and that we may pursue sponsoring a Sidewalk Butler in the future.

Fitzgerald Garden Perpetual Care: After much discussion, Amy agreed to contact C-MAC, Grapevine, and Nessralla for written estimates for the annual care of the Peg Fitzgerald Garden. We asked that they provide a detailed list of what will need to be done each year (for example: clearing debris, removing annuals in the fall, planting annuals in the spring, mulching, watering, etc).

Adopt-An-Island: Several months ago Charlie Seelig advised us that we would need to present a plan to be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Today Amy shared that the “Adopt an Island” idea was discussed with the Selectman in past years. This topic will be on the agenda for our next meeting.

Today’s meeting started at 1:00 and ended at 2:55.

**Next Meeting: Dec 3rd at 1:00**

(Budget Planning, Sponsors, Adopt-An-Island, Fitzgerald Garden)