**REPLANTING MONSON TREE COMMITTEE**



**Minutes of April 14, 2015 Meeting**

Members In attendance: Valarie Beaudoin, Leona Brahen, Bill Dominick, Leslie Duthie and Jo Sauriol

Absent: Vicky Prior

The minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed and, after motion duly made by Ms. Sauriol and seconded by Mr. Dominick, were approved, with Ms. Duthie abstaining from voting.

**Discussion of 2015 Arbor Day Event**

Ms. Beadoin began the discussion of the planned Arbor Day event for 2015. She distributed a spreadsheet outlining the orders. Two additions to the order were discussed. Ms. Brahen agreed to email all clients to outline the details of pickup and to remind everyone to call Dig Safe before planting. The logistics of delivery and pickup were discussed and Mr. Dominick agreed to secure coffee and donuts from Dunkin Donuts.

**Discussion of Arbor Day Proclamation**

Ms. Beadoin next opened the discussion of the proposed Arbor Day Proclamation that had been prepared. After much discussion, it was unanimously voted to designate June 1 of each year as Arbor Day in Monson. Ms. Brahen will finalize the proclamation and it will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for signature.

Ms. Duthie outlined the remainder of the planting that need to be completed at the town office building and Veteran’s Field. She also mentioned that the Garden Club had approached the Committee for assistance with plantings at Memorial Hall. Ms. Duthie will continue to meet with the club to finalize a planting plan.

After Ms. Duthie pointed out that is was still too early to plant milkweed seedlings, discussion of the Monarch butterfly habitat proposed for Flynt Park was tabled until the next meeting.

The discussion then turned to a recent email received by the Committee from the Elm Tree Foundation. It was agreed that further discussion would be tabled until the paperwork was received for review by the Committee.

Mr. Dominick reported that he continued to try to reach Mr. Peter Mayberry for an estimate on the planters at Adam’s Parking lot. He hoped to be able to arrange a meeting for the beginning of the next Committee meeting to give the Committee an opportunity to hear his ideas.

The sign at the corner of the town office building was discussed. Mr. Dominick suggested that work needed to be done on the sign. Ms. Beaudoin reported that the Building Committee was looking for options for repairing the sign and suggested that any further planting discussion be put on hold.

Ms. Beaudoin and Ms. Duthie both discussed various grants and additional monies that they were pursing.

Ms. Beaudoin announced that the next meeting of the Committee would be on May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town offices.

Aer motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.