

Beautification Committee
116 North Main St
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16th, 2022, at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Chair John Keegan, Jeff Abbe and Beverly Drouin

Excused: Nancy Towle & Paul Dickey-Ex Officio

Others Present: Deputy PCD Director Kearsten O'Brien, Kara Gallagher- Planning and Community Development Clerk, Beth Desmarais

Chair John Keegan opened the public meeting at 7:00 P.M.

New Business:

Mr. Abbe noticed the Town Clerk's Office has donation boxes for notary services. The current box shows donations for the roundabout. He suggested asking the Town Clerk to switch the name on the donation boxes to the Beautification Committee. The Committee will also change the picture on the donation boxes as soon as possible.

Mr. Abbe made a motion to speak with the Town Clerk to change the name on the Notary Donation boxes to the Beautification Committee. Seconded by Ms. Drouin. All in favor. None opposed.

The Committee reviewed the Roundabout Financials.

Ms. Drouin motioned to accept the Roundabout Financials. Seconded by Mr. Abbe. All in favor. None opposed.

Committee Members reviewed the draft minutes. Chair Keegan found several grammatical errors which were corrected.

Ms. Drouin motioned to approve the draft minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Abbe. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Keegan asked for a motion to confirm the telephone vote taken earlier this month that, 'donations made to the Boscawen Beautification Committee are deposited in the Town Beautification Fund.

Ms. Drouin motioned to approve the motion... Seconded by Mr. Abbe. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Keegan introduced Ms. Beth Desmarais. Ms. Desmarais expressed an interest in helping beautify the town. Ms. Desmarais saw a post on Facebook that drew her attention to the Committee. She drives through the town daily and would love to help make Boscawen a place where people come home every night proud to live here. She has lived in town for 4 years and grew up in Loudon. She works in the housing industry, managing subsidized housing. She really loves gardening.

Mr. Jeff Abbe motioned to accept Ms. Beth Desmarais as a member of the Beautification Committee. Seconded by Ms. Drouin. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Keegan had spoken with Ms. Towle about a good time to start the spring cleanup. Ms. Towle suggested that cleanup such as weeding and mowing of some of the grasses should begin in May. The Beautification Committee was in agreement.

Chair Keegan said he spoke with Doug Thompson. He will be adding irrigation to the flowers around the sign. Ms. Drouin asked when he would start. Chair Keegan said at his earliest convenience.

Mr. Abbe reported that the solar light at the roundabout is still not very bright. He is going to try to adjust it one more time to see if that helps. Chair Keegan asked for Mr. Abbe to do more research in case the adjustments on the solar light did not work. Ms. Desmarias also offered to apply her research skills. Committee members discussed 'Dark Night' considerations for deciding about the lighting choice.

Chair Keegan made a motion to allow Mr. Abbe and Ms. Desmarias to research and approve new lighting, if needed, for up to \$500 dollars, if the adjustment of the solar lighting on the flag pole did not work. Seconded by Ms. Drouin. All in favor. None opposed.

Chair Keegan asked the members to identify areas in Town that would benefit from our attention. He suggested in front of the Municipal Building and Police Station. Ms. Drouin suggested in front of Historical Society, if the Society was okay with it. Also the watering trough in front of 1913 Library. A member raised the question if someone else was already maintaining it. A committee member will try to find out who may be currently maintaining it. Deputy PCD Director O'Brien suggested possibly the Fire Station. She is uncertain if the Ladies Auxiliary took care of the plants. She will check with Fire Chief Tim Kenney. Chair Keegan mentioned the idea of memorial benches in front of the Municipal Office and near the gazebo at the Town Offices. Chair Keegan concluded the discussion stating that until we figure out who is involved in the specific areas the Committee has identified, the Committee will focus on the roundabout and the Municipal Office.

Ms. Drouin will draft up a Thank You letter to Ms. Julie Fournier for her hard work on the Circle Committee and will send it to Chair Keegan for review.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Abbe; Seconded by Chair Keegan. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully submitted, Kearsten O'Brien