

## Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes, March 16th, 2022

Committee members present: Blair Watson, Johna Keefe and Kyle Nuse

Meeting called to order at 4:35.

Kyle let the committee know that the Select Board had approved us starting a Facebook page. They will use a town email to get it started and then add one of us as an Admin. Kyle is happy to be that person if committee members want to feed her ideas and content. Johna thought getting a group photo of the World Cow or one of our sponsored projects would be a nice "cover shot." They agreed to wait till the spring to organize that.

Kyle said that she has been in touch with DJ Berry- the World Cow Artist about the condition of the cow. He will be back in Johnson to touch it up and "make it new" in the spring. He just needs warm weather.

Kyle handed out copies of the mini-grant application submissions. She thanked the committee for really getting the word out. She is very happy with all the applications- 7 in total, however, 1 will be disqualified after the Select Board voted to not allow board members AND their families apply for grants.

After reading through the grants, it was mutually decided to give applications that required the full amount asked to make a project happen the first priority.

*Johna motioned to grant Ann and Justin Hennard of Railroad Street, \$200 towards business roof repairs; Jenna Tatro L3C of Lower Main Street, \$100 for perennials; Gigi Beach of Railroad Street, \$200 for perennials; Rick and Pam Aupperlee of Railroad Street, \$200 for house paint; Walter Pomrey of Lower Main Street, \$200 for planting on the Green, and Diane Lehouiller, \$100 for plantings around the Community Oven.*

Blair seconded and the motion passed. Kyle said she would contact the awardees this week.

Kyle showed images of potential muralists for the side of the Town Garages, including two art students from NVU-Johnson. Both Johna and Blair really liked the idea of a Johnson student doing public art pieces and continuing to strengthen the ties between the village and the town this way. Kyle agreed and said she would reach out to them and see if they'd be interested.

Blair said that they would post to FPF asking for flower/plant donations for our bridge boxes next week. Johna said she would post the following week, Kyle the next and so forth for the next month or so till we get enough responses.

Kyle said that she has identified a few places in the village to plant sunchokes for a burst of color. The swath of overgrown grass on the west side of the RR Street bridge. The other spot is the swath of grass across from the laundry mat on RR Street. If the Select Board and Trustees

approve, we will need to find someone that can rototiller those areas because Public Works does not do that. Kyle said she may know some people but let's all think about it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.