

## May 17th, 2023 Beautification Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kyle Nuse, Adrienne Stevson, Blake Parker, Johna Keefe, Blair Watson

Call meeting to order at 4:32

Johna motion to approve minutes from April 19th. Blake seconded. Motion passed.

Chair Updates:

- Laraway planter box around the Cold Spring sign. Kyle gave designs to the Village Trustees. They approved up to \$500 to build a planter.
- We did not get the Spark grant we applied for. Kyle reached out if we could get feedback about our proposal and if we could apply again and they said yes.
- Kyle will reach out to Finn to see if they are okay with just working on one mural instead of two if grant funding doesn't pan out.
- Beautification committee decided we will not be focusing on gardening at the Municipal Building, but rather at the Village Green and the Cold Spring.
- Johna will coordinate with Kyle with planting at the PowerHouse bridge
- Michael Stanley will be getting on the Select Board schedule in June to talk to them about getting sculptures back on the pedestals on Main Street
- An Amalia Post (suffragist) sculpture could work with the Historical Society
- Kyle mentioned an idea of working with Jamal Reed (artist and educator) about doing an artist in residency with the LUHS students to do some street art on the Railroad Street Bridge which currently has someone doing bad street "art" on it. She mentioned the Better Places Grant could fund this. The committee really liked this idea. She will follow up.
- Kyle will create a spreadsheet schedule for the weeding for committee members and the general public to sign up for.
- Kyle will reach out to Johnson Works about an "Adopt a Flower Planter" idea along Railroad Street

Wishlist to bring to the Select Board/Village Trustees:

- Cohesive signs for everywhere in the town (Blake and Adrienne have volunteered to donate their time and talents towards this)
- Updating Town of Johnson branding (Blake and Adrienne have volunteered to donate their time and talents towards this)
- Tourist display board in Village Green
- Replace and repaint the Welcome to Johnson signs on both sides of town
- Replace and repaint the guardrails on both sides of the Power House Bridge
- Regularly weed wack and mow around Power House and RR Street Bridges
- Scrub graffiti off the outside of the Power House Bridge

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