

9/11/23 Beautification Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Blair Watson, Lauren Philie, Kyle Nuse, Johna Keefe, Adrienne Parker, Blake Parker. Member of the public, Tess Milner

Call meeting to order at 6:35pm

Motion to approve last meeting minutes by Johna Keefe, Lauren seconded, Motion approved.

The cascading flowers on the powerhouse bridge have been doing very well.

The flowers on Railroad Street grew a lot. They are at the end of their season.

We talked about whether we should replant the planters with mums or not.

We decided to not replant the railroad street boxes with mums and to just plant some mums at the Cold Water Spring.

Kyle will send over a recommendation to the trustees to remove the security sign from Cold Water Spring that says that there is a camera recording. It sends the wrong message and is not necessary anymore.

A major section of the "Yellow Brick Road" was mowed down. It is unclear why this happened. The person who mowed it down said they were asked to by a "Town official" so that they could access their mailbox. Ironically a patch was left right by the mailbox... Jason Whitehill said he and his crew did not have anything to do with it. Kyle will get the LCSD detective's report to the select board once she gets it.

Mini Grant for pollinator garden, discussion:

Tess joins the call about her grant money and how she used it.

Kyle explained to Tess where the money comes from for the grant. Then asked Tess what happened with what she tried to grow.

Tess explains that she had a hard time removing the stomp.

She used soil she bought to level the ground.

She bought some seeds and some grown plants and planted them.

Then afterward the area was sprayed by the apartment building and everything died.

Adrienne recommended putting small roped structures around areas or little signs that say not to mow and not to spray.

Ways we can account for grant money being used effectively.

Blake recommended we have a halfway check-in point to see the progress of grants.

Kyle also recommended that we have some kind of text at the bottom of the grant proposal about using the grant money accordingly or communicating with the committee if they can't.

Adrienne recommended that they need to show receipts at the end of the process.

Talked about Chalk Up the Town. We decided we are going to do more research about chalk in the waterways before we plan further. Johna will resend her research on how to do this project in an environmentally safe way.

Blake mentioned the idea of hosting a snowman competition.

Talk about adding more holiday decorations on Main Street and working with Johnson Works.

Asking for the Town crew to hang fake garlands when they hang the snowflakes and also to hang the baskets. Lauren will bring this idea to Johnson Works.

Street Light banner signs. Kyle really loved the Hardwick signs and wished we could do the same thing in Johnson.

Adrienne and Blake offered again to design the banners for free.

Adrienne recommended doing a survey of the town on what they would like to see on one side of the banners.

Kyle will find out about the grant for creating banners for the street lights.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43