

## **Minutes from Meeting 10/09/2023**

**Attendees: Kyle Nuse, Blake Parker, Johna Keefe, Adrienne Parker, Lauren Philie**

**Absent: Blair Watson**

**Guest: Vanessa Tourangeou**

***Johna made a motion to accept the 9/11/23 minutes as presented. Adrienne seconded and the motion passed.***

Kyle reported she took down Railroad Street flower boxes for the season.

Johna will take down Power House Bridge flowers as soon as she can.

News and Citizen reached out to Kyle about the sunflower issue. There might be an article that runs talking about the relationship between the Selectboard and the Village Trustees.

Kyle talked about stepping down as Chair as she is feeling burnt out.

Everyone talked about how she is a great Chair, and we would hate to see her step down.

Johna and Lauren offered to step in more to lighten the load.

Adrienne offered to be Vice Chair to help with organizing and assigning point persons to

Johna offered to take notes for future meetings.

Blake offered to be a backup note-taker.

Kyle talked about having a Treasurer role.

Lauren offered to be Treasurer, and Kyle said she would get Lauren her spreadsheets that she compares with Rosemary's records.

Possible collaboration with Bread Oven. Ask for us to do some decorations for the costume party. Bails of hay with mums. Kyle priced out that this would cost around \$150.

The Beautification Committee could donate \$75 and the Bread Oven would pay for the rest.

Lauren will get flowers from Costco and pumpkins.

Adrienne and Lauren will coordinate to get hay bails to the Community Oven.

Three people will be able to help get the tent up. Kyle will contact Jasmine for more info about when volunteers are needed.

Discussion about Chalk Up the Town: If it is sustainable and if not, if there are other alternatives. Kyle suggested paint instead of chalk and perhaps these paintings could be permanent. Blake suggested that maybe we could get people to paint Sunflowers on the sidewalks to continue the "Yellow Brick Road" theme into the village.

Kyle talked about VSC designing banners with the community this fall/winter. We may be asked to do one.

Discussion about Johnson Works and the Jubilee.

Adrienne shared her screen and talked about scheduling a working session

Lauren brought up how she would like to help Beautify the food shelf. Kyle brought up collaborating with the Boy Scouts to help with gardens and plantings for the Food Shelf.

Kyle had the idea to create have a pick-your-own-flower garden at the Food Shelf so that people could take a bouquet home with them when they get their food each week.

We did not get awarded the grant for the second phase of the mural on the Town's garage.

Finn will be touching up the mural before the winter and put another clear coat on.

Planting up the Cold Spring with more tulip and daffodil bulbs was discussed.

Lauren will look at Costco for bulbs. The budget is up to \$100 dollars. ***Johna made the motion and Blake seconded. Motion was passed.***

We will meet on November 11th at 1 pm at the Cold Spring to plant bulbs and do fall clean up.

Adrienne mentioned that she is approved to take a logo design for the town.

Lauren brought up that the welcome signs need touch-ups and the new VSC logo. Kyle said that in the new year we should make a list of problem areas that need work and send our recommendations to the Select Board.

Kyle told the committee that Blair had resigned from the committee since they had moved to Essex. She has passed this on to the Select Board.

The committee voted for Vanessa to join unanimously after Kyle read her letter of interest to the group. ***Adrienne made the motion, Lauren seconded and the motion passed.*** Kyle said she would let the Select Board know.

Motion to Adjourn 7:48