

# Beautification Committee Minutes

## Wednesday, September 11th, 7pm

In Person Location: Johnson Municipal Building, 293 Lower Main St W  
Meets every second Wednesday of the Month

Attendance: Blake Parker (P) Adrienne Parker (P) Kyle Nuse (P)  
Johna Keefe (A) Lauren Philie (P)

### **Call the meeting to order at 7:17pm**

**Public comment:** none

### **Additions to the meeting:**

Adrienne added Selectboard meeting discussion to Village meeting, Beautification Committee drive update, Vice Chair, MOU for Selectboard, and Progress report for Selectboard

### **Approve the meeting minutes of 8/14/24**

*Blake moved to approve minutes. Kyle seconded. So approved unanimously.*

### **Budget Update**

Adrienne gave an update from the budget spreadsheet.

Budget: \$2,761.83 from town, \$500 from village

Spent \$149.25 on perennial bulbs, \$44 on mums (twice)

\$161 left for fall decor and plants

### **ReImagine Johnson**

Discussion that ReImagine Johnson doesn't really pertain to us at the moment but might in the future. Maybe someday with the task force that will be reconfiguring downtown.

### **Selectboard and Village Previous Meetings and Next Village Meeting**

The group talked about how the Village trustees denied the fall planting request and asked to bring back an annual list for possible approval. The Beautification Committee decided to ask the Trustees to vote if they would like continued work from the Beautification Committee or they would like to continue with creating the Green Spaces Committee to replace us. Instead of us putting in work on a list that they might deny.

Then we discussed that at the Selectboard meeting they expressed disappointment with village trustees' decision and they approved the beautification committee's plans for planting on town property. We told them we would create an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between committee and select board for their next Selectboard meeting in October. We also tried to push for the Selectboard and the Village Trustees to have joint meetings every month or so. Then at this joint meeting they could carve out time for just committee related businesses. That way committee volunteers wouldn't have to go to both meetings. The Selectboard didn't seem interested in this idea and said it would be too hard to coordinate. Adrienne expressed that it was discouraging to hear this.

### **MOU for Town and Village**

The group decided to write up an MOU for the Town, the Village, and possibly the Town/Village. Adrienne suggested having Doug look at it before bringing it to the next meeting.

### **Next working session for Town owned properties**

Adrienne brought up an idea Peggy Williams gave Kyle and Adrienne to reach out to businesses on Main Street to see if they are interested in having fall mum planters in front of their business. Everyone agreed this was a good idea and then the group looked at google street view to pick out what business they will reach out to. They decided on the Woolen Mills, Chinese Kitchen, the Old Bank sign, the Studio Store, Butternut, Federated Auto, Jenna's Cafe, and whatever other businesses look like they would want some decorations or flowers. The group planned a working session for September 17th at 4:30pm.

### **Future project ideas for Town owned properties with purchased bulbs**

The group discussed reaching out to the Food Shelf and Historical Society to plant fall bulbs this year. Lauren agreed to contact the Food Shelf and Adrienne agreed to reach out to the Historical Society.

### **Nomination of Kyle Nuse as Vice Chair**

Discussion on if Kyle is interested in being Vice Chair. Kyle said she would like to. *Blake moved to make Kyle Vice Chair. Lauren seconded. So approved unanimously.*

### **Google Drive Update**

Adrienne updated the group that she would be using the Beautification Committee google drive account to hold design files for the Town. Such as the town logo, print materials, and anything to do with the website. She also mentioned that she shared the specific folder in the drive with Tom Galiant.

### **Halloween Party Update**

Halloween party planned for October 27th. Jasmine (chair of Pizza Oven Committee) agreed to spend \$75 out of their budget for decorating the pizza oven.

Discussion on decorating pizza oven area

Discussion on increasing by \$75 for fall decorations approved

*Blake moved to approve a budget increase. Kyle seconded. So approved unanimously.*

*That brought the budget to \$236 for fall flowers and decorations.*

### **Meeting Adjourned**

*Adrienne moved to end the meeting at 8:29. Kyle seconded. So approved unanimously.*