



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2009

7:30 PM

WILLIAMSVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Trustees Brian Kulpa and Basil Piazza, Deb Habes, Myra Lenz, Elise Fila,

Absent: Mary Celso, Richard Doll, Lettie Dory, Deborah Draman, Edie Flaherty, Paul Krieter, April LoTempio, Chris Richthammer, Wendy Schutte, Elizabeth Shabala, Bob Sweeney, Pam Voyer, Linda Wutz, Shawn Michel, Richard Doll, Kathryn Nikisch, Chairman Marcia Roth, Dona Bronkie

The Beautification meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:30pm

New Business:

Budget Talk – It was decided to remove the "Miscellaneous" term from that line item and replace it with "Fertilizer, Soil, Compost, Mulch" to be more specific on where our budget \$ are going. Items that are new are the 3 large pots to be placed along the pavers between Village Hall and the Fire Dept. driveway. Also new are the planter boxes for atop the half wall near the front entrance to Village Hall. We will be ordering 10 more hanging baskets for Main Street light poles for a total of 30 on Main St. We are still searching for 3 landscape boulders for the Triangle Garden. Trustee Piazza and Trustee Kulpa will discuss the budget with the Administrator and the Village Board.

Old Business:

1. **Big Dig** – Scheduled for Saturday morning, May 23, 2009 from 9:00am to Noon. Volunteers are needed. Teens looking for community service hours are encouraged to sign up.
2. **Earth Day** – Saturday, April 25, 2009 – Beautification will be sponsoring a speaker at the Meeting House at 1:00pm.
 - The speaker is from the Cornell University Cooperative Extension Bureau and will be giving a talk on "Herbs and Herb Gardening". Soil testing will be available for \$1.00. The soil samples are sent away for the testing.
 - The Meeting House Committee has confirmed their help with this event. They will be in charge of media communications by getting the word to the Bee and other outlets. Brian Kulpa will help coordinate it with them. They will give tours of the Meeting House and have information available about both the committee and the building and what it has to offer to the public.
 - Garden Walk – Brian Kulpa will invite Mayor Lowther to ask the Garden Walk participants about possible participation. It might be a good way for them to advertise their annual July event and attract new participants.

- Beautification will have a table set up with information about our committee; looking for volunteers.
- Basil Piazza stated he has spoken with Lynn Schwab of the Farmers Market and she has confirmed at least 2 of her Farmers Market vendors who are interested in participating by selling their wares in front of the Meeting House in conjunction with the Earth Day events. One vendor sells jellies and jams and the other sells maple syrup and honey. Brian will talk to Lynda Juul if insurance will be needed to be provided by the vendors in order to participate.
- WBA Participation – Brian will follow up with Debbie Steinbruckner to get the word to the WBA about their interest and involvement and get back to us.
- Brian Kulpa will speak to the Amherst Police Dept. to see if we can get an officer to man the crosswalk at Main and Mill from Noon to 2:00.
- Sorrentino's – Basil stated that they are interested in being involved in any way. He will follow up with them.
- At the March 10th meeting we will firm up all plans and complete the layout and schedule for the event.

3. **DPW** -- A meeting will be scheduled with the DPW Crew Chief, Deb and Basil to line up a calendar of dates for garden prep/watering/maintenance jobs relating to the 2009 planting season, so everyone is on the same page. The committee will make a list of prep jobs for each of the gardens and give it to Brian, Basil and DPW.

4. **Plant Orders** – Requests for bids will be sent out. Hanging Baskets must be planted earlier than last year.

"You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt."

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Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm
Minutes submitted by D. Habes

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