

**Village Green Committee**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Town Hall Annex**

**Minutes**

Attending: Felicia Sartell, Connie Kieley, Gail Cromwell, Carol Mamczak, Robin Downes, Matt Cabana    Absent: Honey Hastings, Kathy Fedorka, Peggy Cournoyer, Denise Collette

Felicia called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

1. Gail moved and Matt seconded approval of the 5/15/19 minutes. All in favor.
2. Connie provided printouts of the Treasurer's report. The balance stated is \$3,342.59. Gail confirmed with the Trustee of the Trust Funds that our account has been moved to PDIP.
3. Matt presented a check from House by the Side of the Road for \$500.00 earned in our May fundraiser combined with a donation from HBSR. Connie had two additional checks from residents who donated \$25.00 each toward the fundraiser. Carol will follow up with thank-you notes. Our current account balance stands at \$3892.59. (action item)
4. We discussed the summer watering schedule. Felicia stated that she has coverage for the Veteran's memorial. Carol stated that she and Jeff will water the PO boxes all summer. The schoolhouse #6 garden contains all perennials, and Honey checks on that. The remaining boxes are at the church. Gail stated that the boxes near the hostas cannot be seen and we should reconsider placement for next year. It was felt that the church should organize watering their boxes (3 window boxes, half barrel and corner garden) Felicia will follow up with them. (action item)

5. Hiring an arborist –

**MOTION: to hire Dan Tremblay of Broad Oak Tree & Shrub Care**

Moved by Connie, seconded by Robin

Vote: all in favor

We discussed what it is we should have him do, and decided on a consultation with advice on improving the health of the 2013 red maples. We considered the possibility of having him here on an annual basis. Connie suggested that Carol and Gail could meet with him and report back to the committee. (action item)

**MOTION: to empower Carol and Gail to schedule a meeting at the common with arborist and state purpose.**

Moved by Connie, seconded by Gail

Vote: all in favor

6. Planting around the time capsule rock – Gail reported that the highway department would prefer nothing be planted as it interferes with mowing.

**MOTION: to table planting around the time capsule rock**

Moved by Gail, seconded by Connie

Vote: all in favor

7. The newly discovered water pipe – Gail reported that Pete Caswell placed a marker for the water pipe that runs to the common, but it appears to be missing now. We know roughly where it is located when they do the wire installation. She also reported that it was possible to run hoses from the church, across 45 and to the trees. It is unknown at this time how much it might cost to get the water running for use at events.

**MOTION: to table further action on the water pipe under the common**

Moved by Gail, seconded by Connie

Vote: all in favor

We will reconsider in the fall and possibly ask town to support the next steps. Gail reported that Pete knows of an alternate method for trenching that is used by irrigation companies. We might consider this instead of using the DitchWitch. Matt stated that he has access to irrigation companies to follow up. We need the project done before the Harvest Festival. (action item)

**MOTION: to determine who is in charge of the ditching project, to consider the alternate trenching procedure and appoint Gail and Matt to coordinate the fulfillment of the project.**

Moved by Gail, seconded by Connie

Vote: all in favor

8. New business – Matt presented ideas for fundraising including an iPad raffle and for future events to be held on the common. Committee members shared ideas involving music and historical themed events. We welcomed Matt's ideas for new events on the common and discussed other committees to coordinate with for specific events.

Carol questioned how much fundraising we should be expected to do and suggested that the anticipated tree improvement project on the common would be significant enough in cost to consider asking the entire town to support via a warrant article. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

9. Connie suggested that Gail and Felicia act as co-chairs going forward to set dates and agendas and to facilitate the meetings.

**MOTION: to name Gail and Felicia as VGC co-chairs**

Moved by Connie, seconded by Carol

Vote: all in favor

10. The date for the next meeting is Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 10AM in the Annex

We adjourned at 10:52AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Mamczak, VGC Secretary