

**Village Green Committee**  
**Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Town Hall Annex**  
**Special Meeting**

**Minutes**

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

Guest: Matt Cabana (to be approved as member at Select Board Meeting 3/26/19)

Felicia call the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

1. Minutes of 3/18/19 – Connie moved and Denise seconded that we accept the minutes that were shared last week. All in favor.

2. Matt Cabana joined us to share his information on the flower fundraiser to be conducted with House by the Side of the Road (House). We can choose any weekend or set of four consecutive days to run the fundraiser. Shoppers will present a card or mention the VGC, and 10% of the gross of the sale will go back to the VGC. He stated that the advantage to doing this over running a sale with plants from King Farm is that shoppers have many choices and we don't have to set up a sale in town. We discussed dates with some wanting to take advantage of high traffic for Mothers' Day and others thinking we would see larger items purchased in the following weeks that would net the VGC more money. Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> seemed agreeable to most. We confirmed with Robin that this would not conflict with a library rose sale since they will probably not do it this year.

**MOTION: to accept Matt's proposal of a running a Gardening Fundraiser with House by the Side of the Road from May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Moved by Gail, seconded by Robin

Discussion: We expressed gratitude to Matt for suggesting and researching this new idea for a fundraiser. We confirmed with him that the VGC will receive 10% of the sale. Matt stated that all inventory is included, and he will verify with House. He stated that if this is successful, we can run another sale in the future. House is open to that. Connie requested a House logo to add to our posters. Carol will design a flyer and communicate with Connie regarding a card that shoppers can present at checkout. (action item)

Vote: all in favor

3. Connie stated that she had contacted the Select Board regarding the fence rails on the common and requested their support when the time comes to paint them. Felicia stated that they had been painted four years ago. We decided it would be best to wait until all the

proposed projects are completed and then reassess the painting. We could consider options other than hiring someone. In the past, prisoners had been hired to do the project one year, and town residents did the painting another year.

4. We reviewed purchasing and planting dates for the town planters. We will keep May 8<sup>th</sup> as our shopping day at King Farm. Several committee members are available to make the trip. Planting is weather dependent, but we agreed to do it ASAP after purchasing. We are considering May 13, 15 and 16 as possible planting dates if it can't be done earlier. We discussed what to plant and agreed that white plants do not work with white planters and white buildings. After considering several options, it was agreed to plant red geraniums and blue/purple Wave petunias to keep with color tradition.

**MOTION: to plant red geraniums and blue/purple Wave petunias in six white boxes in the same locations as last year.**

Moved by Robin, seconded by Gail

Discussion: We want to plant the same colors in the whiskey barrel by Friendship Hall but add some Dracaena for height.

Vote: all in favor

5. New Planters – There is interest in purchasing new planters to put at the Municipal Building. We discussed several options and agreed that self-watering planters are the way to go. It was suggested that we plant the same colors of geraniums and Wave petunias with Dracaena to be consistent. We discussed adding Hostas, either divided from existing plants in town or donated, to the front of the Municipal Building.

**MOTION: to purchase and fill two self-watering planters for the Municipal Building.**

Moved by Robin, seconded by Honey

Vote: all in favor

**MOTION: to authorize Gail to shop for and purchase two white self-watering planters at a cost of up to \$50. each and to purchase suitable soil.**

Moved by Connie, seconded by Honey

Vote: all in favor

Felicia will determine the number of each type of plant to purchase based on last year's records. (action item)

6. Record keeping – Carol has proposed the VGC keep a folder of historical records for projects that will be kept in a central location. Gail suggested we keep it in the file cabinet at the Municipal Building. She will ask Paul. These will be separate from the minutes. We will work over the next year to obtain hard copies from Tim Fiske, Peterborough Marble and Granite and others who may have emails or correspondence relevant to projects undertaken by the VGC. We can reference these documents in minutes.

7. Connie contacted the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee to give them a head's up about the possible purchase of trees. We discussed the best time to plant and where to purchase them. We decided to wait until after our meeting with the County Extension Forester before making any decisions.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1PM on the common with Ethan Belair, Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Forester.

Honey moved to adjourn, seconded by Gail. All in favor.

The meeting concluded at 11:18AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Mamczak, VGC Secretary