

Village Green Committee
Tuesday, August 29, 2018 10:00 PM at the Town Hall Annex

Minutes

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

1. Minutes from last meeting were discussed and amended by Connie to clarify the Treasurer's report. Connie moved to accept as amended, seconded by Gail. All in favor.

2. Treasurer's report: Connie reported that the current balance is \$4468.31 after reimbursing Felicia \$35.88 for mulch and depositing the Drama Club \$200.00 donation. A printed report was provided for VGC records.

3. Totes for the Harvest Festival were discussed. Connie showed the sample she obtained and all approved the quality. The logo was discussed prior to the meeting and it was decided not to use the geranium but rather a tree graphic and the words "Temple Village Green". Connie and Felicia will finalize the design and submit the order insuring we have enough time to get them delivered for the HF. Print color was discussed and they will consider the option to have something other than black depending on cost. It was recommended that the print color match the handles. (action items)

4. Connie shared printed copies of the VGC mission and history for newer members to provide background and guidance for future projects. Honey proposed that we reorder the agenda to prioritize the Harvest Festival, then go outside to view areas that have been discussed for changes. All agreed.

5. Harvest Festival – Felicia is organizing the volunteers and donations for the table. She is filling in the time slots with available committee members and others who have volunteered in the past. (action item)

6. Food for sale is being covered by committee members. We will feature Annie's beans (Connie and Denise), vegetarian beans (Carol), cornbread (Alan P) and brownies (Gail). Food should be brought to the common around 9:30AM. (action item)

7. Items for sale on HF table include cookbooks from previous years, a few T-shirts, bookmarks, postcards, the new totes, lavender sachets and apple hotpads. This was a difficult gardening year for committee members, so Honey offered to place signs in town asking for donations of local produce. (action item)

The committee proceeded outside to view the area between town hall and chapel as well as the hill in front of library.

8. We started with the library hill. Kathy, with the help of Linda B, had organized some residents a few years ago to plant flower donations after the shrubs were removed. It was felt by some

that the area looks messy. Others like the current plantings. Honey suggested that what is really needed is twice yearly weeding. The weeds are definitely gaining. Kathy mentioned to someone previously that the yews by the front door need to be removed. They look unsightly and unmanaged. Gail felt that we should confirm that with Kathy and then request Tim remove them. Carol will contact Kathy. Weeding was discussed but nothing was definitely planned. (action item)

Connie needed to leave at this time.

9. We proceeded to the area between the chapel and town hall. Gail and Honey reviewed what had been done to the area recently. The large sumac was removed near the hill. The front lilac was removed by Tim and planted with grass seed. The remaining lilacs need pruning. There are two areas of concern: the front left closest to the chapel and the rear of the lot where the town equipment and sand piles are visible through the trees, especially in winter. It was suggested that we cut down everything in the front area, but not all members are in agreement with that approach. Carol suggested we remove the remaining small sumac, trim up the shrubs and weed the area. No one knew the purpose of the post and box with electrical line on it. Gail said she would find out, and if it serves no purpose, we could remove it. Peggy is interested in saving the Bridal Veil and Carol suggested cutting back the Spirea so it grows back in a nicer shape. Carol moved to remove remaining sumac, prune bridal veil, clean up and reshape what remains and if possible, remove the pole before the HF. Seconded by Gail. Question from Felicia about who will do the work. Carol expressed willingness to work on it with another committee member. VGC committee members will do the gardening work except for the pole. All in favor. We will reevaluate the area next spring. There was discussion regarding the location of the donated urn. This will be discussed further at the October meeting. Arborvitae or evergreen of similar size for back of lot will be discussed at the next meeting as well. (action items)

10. Gail raised the Municipal Building garden as an area of concern. She offered to replace with her own funds the King Alfred daffodils that did not survive last winter. She reported that Tim plans to push the large stone that was displaced by a firetruck back into position. We discussed adding daylilies in front of the daffodils to hide the foliage when the flowers are past bloom. The idea was generally well received with several members speaking to the resiliency of the common orange variety. This is important because of garden location next to the main road that receives many salt treatments. We discussed starting with the orange and perhaps adding other colors in the future or starting with a few orange plants and dividing them to expand coverage in the future. Gail mentioned that she has many plants to donate and asked Honey about dividing some that are in the QM garden. Honey agreed that was an option. Gail made a motion to pursue planting orange daylilies in the Municipal Building garden, seconded by Carol. Five in favor, one opposed. (action items)

11. Denise moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gail, all in favor.

The meeting concluded at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mamczak, VGC Secretary

Action items:

Connie - finalize tote graphic and place order, HF Annie's beans

Denise – HF Annie's beans

Felicia - assist Connie with tote graphic, HF volunteer list, overall HF organization

Gail – HF lavender sachets, brownies, daffodil replacement, coordinate with Honey on QM daylilies

Carol – HF vegetarian beans, contact Kathy regarding library yews, coordinate gardening item 9

Honey – signs in town requesting local produce donations, coordinate with Gail on QM daylilies