

Village Green Committee
Minutes, May 8, 2021

Present: Felicia Sartell, Peggy Cournoyer, Mackenzie Arndt, Gail Cromwell

Gail called the meeting to order at 1:15. Mackenzie was introduced to the group as our new member.

Gail volunteered to stay on as Chair, Mackenzie offered to be secretary, and Gail will ask Jennifer Kiley to be our archivist. We have a lot of records stored online. Jennifer will be able to get the access details from Carol Mamczak.

We discussed the replacement for the Scarlet Oak, which has not survived. Weston Nurseries will replace with our choice of tree. The vote was 3-1 to get a Princeton Elm. Peggy preferred a maple. Gail will arrange and notify everyone when planting is imminent.

Gail reviewed our town budget which is \$4,000 for the year. That will cover our flower purchases and any new flower boxes, as well as the compost/mulch we need. We decided to ask Alan Fox to continue with our basic heavy duties and agreed to pay \$20/hour. He did excellent work last year. We also have \$3,595.20 in our trust fund. It is not certain if the Harvest Festival will take place and that has been our major fund raiser in the past.

Felicia reviewed what we have for flower boxes. We need 3 for the war monument, and 2 for the post office. The barrel at the extra church door is ours. Felicia and Mackenzie will go to the House by the Side of the Road to purchase flowers for all our annual needs. Gail will investigate possible large planters for the office entrance.

It was thought that we might ask Jennifer and Ellie to think about planting some annuals on the town office strip. The zinnias last year did well but they could consider other possibilities.

The time capsule is a rock in need of something to soften its appearance. Anne Lunt volunteered to think of a possible shrub and work with Peggy on that project. Anne was unable to attend because of her rehab but volunteered on the telephone.

Gail will organize compost for the trees on the common and mulch elsewhere.

We noted that the benches on the common are in bad shape.

We reviewed the Appointments Policy as basically what we have done for a number of years.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Cromwell