

Minutes of the Beautification Committee Meeting held January 11, 2018 at 5:45PM

Present: Maria Hunter, Chairperson; Desiree Potvin, Secretary/Treasurer
Robert Anzalone, Justin Hunter, Diane Marrone, Martha Nask
Absent: Joseph Telesca

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Justin, seconded by Maria, to accept the minutes of the meeting held December 14, 2017. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

Designation of Officers:

Motion was offered by Justin, seconded by Robert, to designate the following officers for the 2018 fiscal year: Maria Hunter, Chairperson; Justin Hunter, Co-Chairperson; Desiree Potvin, Secretary/Treasurer. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

Budget Update:

There have been no expenses since the last meeting.

On Going Projects:

Highland Mills Library Signage - Maria will meet with the Library Board to determine their expectations and to discuss shared finances with them.

Animal Shelter Signage - Justin will work with Dan Lux to get the electric done.

Holiday/Street Lights - Orange & Rockland were told the streetlight decorations would be removed by January 19. Desiree will speak to the Highway Department. No complaints were received this year so hopefully the letter we sent to the newspaper helped explain our choices. It was discussed that decorating will begin earlier so that all areas can be done prior to inclement weather occurring. It was also discussed extending the streetlight decorations to Ridge Road or Trout Brook Road. More cell nodes need to be added but we will need to get the pole numbers to give to Orange & Rockland. There are currently eleven pole decorations in each hamlet.

Areas of Focus:

Buena Vista – Maria is still trying to get in touch with Orange Nursery to figure out exactly we want to plan to do there. Preliminary the plan is to have a rock garden there, with electricity and an art piece. The tree needs to be removed and perhaps could be relocated. It was noted that the redesign of Route 32 in the area could affect our plans so Maria will reach out to the contact she has to determine how far into the area the project is extending.

Oak Clove - Justin cut down the two trees there but the stumps need to be removed. This area also needs to be redesigned and it was discussed to keep it green. Everything will need to be completely removed, graded and replanted. Suggestions of a raised planter or fountain were discussed. Maria will speak to Bobby Blair about weed removal alternatives.

Other Items:

Murals - Fred Faravashi spoke to Maria about having some murals painted at various locations in town to hopefully stop the graffiti. During this discussion the issue of whether the owner of the

buildings/locations would approve and assume liability. The committee agreed this was a great idea and would support it but it was unknown if the execution would be possible.

Storage Sheds - The ramps leading into the sheds are in disrepair and need to be replaced. Desiree will speak to the Highway Department to see if they can suggest a solution (perhaps constructing a ramp). It was also noted the flooring of the sheds need to be replaced and Maria stated she will find a carpenter to work on it.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be February 8, 2018 at 5:45PM.

Adjournment:

Motion was offered by Maria, seconded by Robert, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35PM. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

Desiree Potvin, Secretary