

Parks and Public Spaces Committee Meeting  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
6:30, at the Cockadoodle Café

Present: Ola O'Dell, Laura Rubenis, Lydia Morris, and Lisa Campbell

- 1.) Review and Approval of meeting notes from 8/21/12. Meeting notes were reviewed and approved by the committee
- 2.) Flower baskets status – It was determined that the committee will not assume responsibility for the baskets for the 2013 season. Reason cited was the expense and time involved in the project.
- 3.) Parade ideas – the committee decided to use wheelbarrows, tools, and a banner to march in the parade. Laura, Ola, Lydia, and Lisa agreed to march, as well as Aaron Campbell. It is hoped that we will march adjacent to the Rotary. Lisa will touch base with Cathy Day re: Parade.
- 4.) Display with the Bethel Watershed Study Group – Lisa will set up the table with the display board from February, and a new one to illustrate the Spring 2012 events. Lisa will send information to Laura who will set up a P&PS flyer. Lydia agreed to draw some pictures for the flyer.
- 5.) Lisa and Rebbie have discussed having a street art project at the Bethel Community Festival. The discussion included the possibility of peace/prayer flag size fabric for children to decorate.
- 6.) Chippers Grant – The committee discussed the grant, and the preferred location for the work. The common will be the site of the work. Lisa will touch base with Liz Krieg to ascertain that this is even still an option. The committee would like to see a rotation of blooms through the spring and summer. Potential plants could include Black Eyed Susan's, Echinacea, and Sedum, bulbs (perhaps tulips and daffodils. All permanent plantings up unit now have been donated to the town. The committee would like to keep any hosta that is pulled out to be planted at Peavine, and other locations around town. Could also be available to neighbors affected by the flood.
- 7.) Questions for the Select Board, a) wondering about this year's budget, and how much (if any) is left? b) Looking ahead towards March 2013, what is the committee's involvement in developing a budget?
- 8.) Questions for Del, a) we seem to recall a RFP for the band shell/common. What is the status of this, and if there is to be work done there will it impact work done via the Chippers grant? Is there a way to strategize around this? b) Purchase of mums for the hardware store bed.
- 9.) Boat launch - Lisa has emailed Steve Libby from the VRC twice about a status update on the boat launch construction. The VRC has been extremely busy this summer, and have not been able to take a look at the launch yet. The committee would like to explore using the \$400 donation toward reconstruction of the launch. Laura will touch base with Brendan (who was involved in the original construction) about what was involved originally and his thoughts on what is needed now.

- 10.) Next meeting will take place at the Cockdoodle Café at 6:30 on October 16<sup>th</sup> (third Tuesday of the month)
- 11.) Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Campbell  
Committee Chair