

Parks and Public Spaces

May 12th, 2014.

Cockadoodle Cafe, 6:30 pm.

Present, Ola Odell, Lisa Campbell, and Don Hyde.

Meeting notes.

1.) Review of Green Up Day. Successes? Changes for next year?

- Everything went well, and it was a big help to use the town hall.
- Coffee and cookies were popular. Big thanks to those who baked the cookies, and donated coffee and hot chocolate.
- And of course, kudos to all those folks who got out and helped to Green Up Bethel!!

2.) Don Hyde attending to discuss 2014 season with the committee.

- The spruce trees around the flag pole at the park have grown too large for the space, and the purpose for which they were intended (privacy screen). Don proposes removing them, and replacing them with smaller shrubs.
- He is thinking that street lights for the parking lot would help cut down on night time activities at the park.
- Discussed planting myrtle on the small bank by the parking lot.
- Don suggested getting an electrician to straighten out the timer on the flag pole.
- Ola and Don both have concerns about brick steps on the common. The brick is coming loose, and is a falling hazard. He asked that the committee explore the issue with the select board.
- Don is going to dig out the fieldstone walkways that are on the common. They are very overgrown, and need tending to.

3.) HOBY group work at Peavine Park, May 25th, 2014

- Need rakes, shovels, and some folks to dig myrtle before the kids get here.
- Need to talk to Keith about having the town crew come pick up the branches and other refuse that the group will pick up.

4.) Community needs survey including ideas for dog park, and edible perennial gardens? Hard copies and survey monkey?

- We felt that this discussion required a larger representation of the committee. Tabled until the June meeting.

5.) Current status of the River St. access project?

- The rock is being delivered on Wednesday the 14th.
- The proposed date of the VYCC is the first and second week of June.
- Lisa will check with Keith about "freshening" the Porta-potty, and turning on the water at the park.

6.) Other business?

- The committee has concerns about the stability of the wall above Richardson's flower bed, and the safety of folks working on the flower bed, as well as those using the sidewalk. (The select board is aware that the wall is in a hazardous condition, and has made finding a solution a priority)
- Bob Taylor is still interesting in taking care of Nelson's corner, and the parking lot garden bed. In addition, he will help Ola with the common. Many thanks to Bob.
- We are excited to see the flower boxes in front of the sandwich shop! Thank you, Dave!
- We are actively looking for new committee members, and welcome all who are interested in participating.

- Many thanks to Sandy Barry's Botany class for planting the bulbs on the upper church street triangle! They look beautiful!! In addition, this class will be helping with the spring clean up of the common.
- Next meeting will be June 17th, at 6:30 at the Cockadoodle Cafe.

Adjourn at 6:50 to look at the Richardson's garden bed, and the myrtle patches at the Spring Hollow site.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Campbell