

Parks and Public Spaces

Cockadoodle Cafe

6:30, November 19th

Present - Ola O'Dell (Chair), Laura Rubenis, Rosalie Benson, Lisa Campbell.

### Agenda

1. ) 2014 budget projections, based on what we know about this year's expenses.

- Bulbs- 201.06
- Mums- 100.00
- Mulch- (two truckloads?)  
Some of the mulch may need to be packaged in order to use in the smaller spaces
- Top soil- (two truckloads?)
- Annuals (raised by Ms Barry and her class at Whitcomb funded by the 35.00/donations from the Fall Festival)
- River North Triangle - 50.00 (shrubs and mums)
- Please note that this total does not include the donations from Bob Taylor to develop and maintain the parking lot bed, and the Nelson triangle.
- We would like some clarification on the purpose of the "streetscapes" dollar figure in the P&PS budget. Specifically, hanging baskets are currently the project of the BBA, and we would like to request that the dollar figures be at least separate line items for budget purposes.

2.) Bulb planting project went well. There are new bulbs in the common, the two beds on Main Street, and the upper church street triangle. Thanks to Tepin, Minh, Rosalie, Amy, Ola, and Dave for their

hard work.

3.) Lisa shared a potential grant source to create funding for the River Street Bridge access project. Unfortunately, there was very short notice to complete the necessary applications and documentation. The committee feels we need to let this one pass.

4.) Winter activities

- Lisa will continue to research grant options for the River Street access over the winter.

- prepare content for the town web page (photos and written content) Laura has agreed to spearhead this effort.

- Bob Hyde has asked Ola if the committee would support an effort to to replace the pines by the flagpole in Peavine park. The committee doesn't have a problem with this, but asks that he review his plans with the committee before taking action.

- Rosalie has a friend who is willing to donate perennials when she splits her plants up next spring.

- plants for River street bridge area might be able to come from the WRP? Lisa will contact Mary Russ to ask about a timeline.

5.) Ola has spoken to the BRI, and they have agreed to clean out the space between the Richardson's building and the laundromat. Ola has already planted bulbs in front of the little wooden fence.

6.) A couple of community members were mentioned as potential members of the committee. Ola will contact them to ask if they are interested.

7.) Rosalie will be our rep to the festival committee, in order to develop a plan for next year's fair.

8.) Next season's meetings will continue to be on the third Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 at the Cockadoodle Cafe. Next season's meetings will begin March of 2014.

Questions for Select Board,

1.) the committee continues to feel that a thousand dollars is a reasonable figure to request for committee's expenses for the 2014 season. See the expenses from this year listed above.

2.) the committee would like to meet with the interim town manager to get some input on how other towns handle their parks and public spaces planning and budgeting.

Adjourned at 7:11pm.

A note of thanks to folks who have helped out during our 2013 season, including Val Rubenis, Minh Best, Amy Danley-White, Rebbie Carlton, Robert and Sheila Taylor, the Vermont River Conservancy, White River Partnership, Carla Hodgdon, Ethan Bennett, and Aaron Campbell.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Campbell  
Secretary  
Parks and Public Spaces

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