

Salem Beautification Minutes from April 9, 2019

Meeting started at 7:03

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed – motion to approve by Stephanie, seconded by Sam.

In attendance: Lisa Lyons, Sam Fiore, Giulia Bellofatto, Stephanie Hagyard, Ty Hapworth, and Staff Person Kevin Cornacchio.

Absent: Sandi Power, Barbara Sirois, Mary Ellen Haliwell, Bill Doane, and Annie Scott

The meeting started out with a correction to the plant sale date listed as May 19th in the March 12th minutes. **The correct date is May 18th**. Apologies 😊

Clean Sweeps – May 4th, Rain or shine! Kevin will check to see if Ellen sent out the Clean Sweeps letter to neighborhood organizations. Lisa noted that several organizations have already joined up. Ty discussed who the organizers are for a particular area, would like to setup a group to work.

There will be a “meet and greet” table setup at the Common to greet the groups and individuals attending the event. Trash bags, gloves and tools will be supplied. Sam will be there to man the table at 8:00 with other members arriving to help setup. Last year Ellen had buckets, large containers of water, and paper towels so people could wash their hands before eating pizza.

Kevin is taking care of getting the tables, supplies, tools. Last years’ tools included rakes, dust pans and grabbers. Micaela Guglielmi and Julie Rose will assist Kevin with putting together a PO and procuring snacks and pizza. Kevin said the pizza will be delivered by Essex Pizza from the mall.

Lisa will get in touch with Annie about the “come learn about pollinators” table. Annie will talk about pollinators, planting and the plant sale. Lisa has some egg cartons for Annie’s planting.

The Bcomm focus: Cleaning the YMCA parking lot, and planting two small islands at the end of the parking lot across from the YMCA entrance. Volunteers can either meet at the parking lot or on the Commons. Stephanie spoke to the Katie Edwards from the Y. She and some of the kids from the Y will take care of watering the plants that are placed in the islands. Marigolds or seeds are suggested. It all depends on time/weather. If we go with Marigolds, we will need a PO for Darlene’s.

Plant Sale – May 18th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Rain or shine! Sandi is still working with the florist to get a plant order. She sent an email, informing members that John at Flowers by Darlene would possibly not provide us with annuals this year. They will make a final decision later in the week. Lisa has a list of plants that sold last year that she’ll send out.

Just a reminder:

- We need raffle donations, and shop the tarp donations. Sandi has a jug for cash donations.
- Bring any bags or boxes you may have for people to carry their purchases in.
- We need a table for Annie’s pollinators (we have small bags for pollinator purchases). Do we need a signup sheet for her 20-minute pollinator class?
- We need a table for the Bcomm Committee (sign-up sheets/photos) / plant experts.
- Ty will bring a pop-up tent he has. Giulia will bring a ladder for plant staging and table cloths.
- We need additional tables and pop-up tents.
- Lisa will need help putting up the plant sale signs. She’ll bring them to Clean Sweeps or the next meeting.

Ladies of Salem – The ladies will be getting a “check-up” on April 19th at their temporary storage unit at Camp Naumkeag. Giulia received the following quotes from Scarlett Letter Press for pamphlets and laminated card stock copies of the bios/artists visions. Will need to make a decision fairly quickly to allow Scarlett the lead time necessary to have everything printed for the Arts Festival, June 7-9. There will be a mini LOS meeting when Mary Ellen returns.

LOS Pamphlets, 250 - \$180.00

11 x 17, encapsulated, laminated card stock sheets (22-will hold 1 bio/ 1 thought)

Color \$198.00 – B/W \$154.00

Traffic Islands – Sandi is not present so there will be no updates for Temperance Park, Riley Plaza or any of the islands under Sandi’s domain.

The dirt has been aerated and the preen is down on the Washington Street strip. Need to clean out the planters and add more dirt to planters and island floor. Once the soil is purchased, Sam will check on Alfredo’s (RCG) availability and request assistance. Kevin will check on when the irrigation system gets turned on. No word on the bollards, but Kevin suggested a granite block which Sam likes. Giulia will check on safety sandwich boards for the islands.

In the last meeting, Kevin mentioned the island at Mason and Friend is neglected. Sam and Giulia checked the island a few weeks ago. It isn’t very big, lots of overgrown weeds. Suggestions?

Councilman Petersen contacted Kevin regarding Dalton Parkway. Lisa reminds us to ask people with island requests, if they have manpower in their area. Update?

Youth Volunteer Week – Kevin worked with a group of kids from AmeriCorps cleaning Splaine Park & Hertz Rental on Bridge Street. Lisa requested group pictures in the future – she’ll put on the picture on the Bcomm page.

Miscellaneous – Giulia asked Kevin if he knew the status of volunteer parking permits. He will check with Ellen and get back to us.

Motion to adjourn at 7:56

Respectfully submitted,

Giulia Bellofatto