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Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Pat Colbert, Mike Healey, Mike McCarthy, Nancy Wall, Jeff Ward, and Janice Wivagg

Absent: Ana Newell, Martha O'Connell

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Welcome & Call to Order - Nancy

- Meeting called to order at 6:04.
- Call to accept the minutes from June 9, 2020 meeting. Mike Healey made a motion to approve and Pat Colbert seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report - Mike McCarthy

- Funds on hand at Town Hall are \$11,054.42. There are pending deposits (transfer from Mansfield Bank) of \$514.03. This makes the net total \$11568.45.
- New transactions since our last meeting was \$170.00 for KAB annual fees.
- We received \$3960.00 in cleanup donations.
- The flower barrels cost for the pansies was \$2204.00. We received \$1850.00 from the businesses.
- We need to transfer \$1580.40 from Mansfield Bank to TreePlenish.
- Jeff reported we will be receiving a \$1000.00 check from Rockland Credit Union.

Fundraising - All

- We were selected by Shaw's for the month of August to sell our reusable bags.

New position available in KMB - Nancy

- Nancy reported that Jason Dodd will no longer be on the committee. We all expressed our gratitude to Jason for all the work he has done for the committee over the years. Once we get back to "normal", we all would like to do something special for him to show our appreciation.

Fall Cleanup – All

- It was decided we will offer a cleanup in early November that would span over two weekends, like the fall cleanups we have offered in the past. We need to promote and coordinate this effort. Participants can go out whenever is convenient. We will supply trash bags and grabbers. They can leave the collected trash by the side of the road, notify us where the trash is located, and we will coordinate with DPW to pick it up. They can also discard the bags with their normal trash.
- No t-shirts will be provided for this fall cleanup.
- Lots of discussion on how to thank the 2020 donors since we did not have our annual, signature spring cleanup. Currently they are being thanked on our Facebook page. They will also be placed on the t-shirt for next year.
- For any donor that donated in 2020 and again in 2021 (repeat donors), the following ideas were suggested for them to receive extra recognition: Make sure the names are favored on the t-shirt, either by location or font size; Create a banner and/or lawn signs with the names of businesses and place at the Town Hall during the spring cleanup since this is our central trash location and place of post-cleanup pictures.

Adopt-a-Spot – Martha and Ana

- Martha and Ana were not able to attend the meeting, but they provided updates before the meeting and are listed below.
- DPW installed the 4 new signs for McGovern GMC Buick, East Common Business Sign, East Common, and Ricky's location at Fultons Bridge.
- Access to the school garden at the Superintendent's office is still affected by the construction. Most of the plants look like they are thriving despite the disruption. Once the new sidewalks are completed, weeding will be done.
- At the next meeting, we need to discuss the policy moving forward allowing scouts to adopt gardens. Any decision made will require changes to the Adopt-a-Spot guidelines. In the interim, the current guidelines will be reviewed to see how it could be amended if necessary. There is currently a scout, named Faith, looking to adopt a spot, and based on what is decided by the committee will determine whether a small garden area should be located for her.
- West Mansfield Business sign is on hold until we can get the grant to fund the sign. Todd Richardson is still interested in adopting the spot around the sign. The area has been marked by DigSafe, but we are waiting for DPW to remove the existing shrubs and old sign.

TreePlenish – All

- Nancy reported that TreePlenish has applied for a Non-profit gift fund grant for \$1,000 to help with the purchase of trees for the 2021 event.
- Mike M. reported they have \$1580.40 in our account that needs to be transferred back to them. Nancy will follow up with them to make sure they know they have this additional money.

- TreePlenish plans to expand their program to surrounding towns.
- Our committee was asked if we wanted to donate funds to TreePlenish. Before making this decision, we wanted to get more information on their program moving forward and whether or not our contributions would go directly towards trees in Mansfield, which is what we would require so it aligns with our mission statement. Nancy will reach out to them to get more information.

Flower Barrels – Nancy, Mike H., and Pat

- The summer flowers were planted in June and continue to look good. They are being watered and fertilized every couple of weeks by Mike, Nancy, and Pat.

Painted Barrels – Mike H. and Pat

- Mike located a place that will provide steel drum barrels. Mike got 6 barrels for \$15.00. They need to be cleaned and primed. Mike and his wife Marilyn are going to paint them. Mike requested \$100 for paint/brushes and the committee approved.
- Depending on how the cleaning and painting goes with these 6 barrels, will determine if we get more barrels from this provider.
- Pat will reach out to the individuals on the waiting list who has expressed an interest in painting a barrel.

Adopt-a-Street – Nancy and Janice

- Nancy and Janice are going to promote and expand this program.
- Currently the link to Adopt-a-Street is on the town's website, but it is not easy to locate. They will make sure this is listed alongside the Adopt-a-Hydrant program, which is easily found under the Services section of the town website.

Board Reorganization – All

- It was time to reorganize the committee. We voted Nancy Wall as Chairperson, Mike McCarthy as Treasurer, and Jeff Ward as Secretary (once Jeff gets re-approved by the Select Board). Congratulations to all!

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes approved on: September 10, 2020 at 6:04

Secretary signature: Patricia Colbert