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**Beautification Minutes**

**June 14, 2023**

Chairman Randy Olmstead called the June 14, 2023 Beautification Committee Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Senior Lounge at Plymouth Town Hall, 80 Main Street, Terryville, Connecticut.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Chairman Randy Olmstead, Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne, Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano, Beautification Committee Member Mary Semon, Beautification Joanne Auburn and Beautification Committee Member David Perugini. Also present: Jessica Dupont

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Randy Olmstead led the Beautification Committee Members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano, to accept the May 17, 2023 minutes. This motion was approved unanimously.

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**New Business**

**a. Waterwheel**

Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne reported that high school kids volunteered on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the waterwheel. They painted and stained the fence and mulched the flowers. They raked in the back. A week later, the town came in and made a walkway, a seating area, created a row of stones and a nice path to the top of the dam.

Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano stated she watered the trees.

Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne reported that \$262.72 was spent at Back to Basics for brushes, stain and gloves.

The Planters Choice invoice was \$1262.50 instead of \$1337.75.

The Committee will meet on Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to plant.

A discussion took place about the pump (if it will work) and how long a hose is needed. Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne will bring his sump pump on Monday.

Beautification Committee Member Mary Semon will post on Facebook about a meeting at the waterwheel on Monday to see if any volunteers will show up.

**b. Budget 2023-2024**

The new budget will be \$2,000.00 starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member David Perugini,, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano to purchase a pump hose, extension cord and any other accessories needed to pull water out of the brook in order to water the plants in the park. We would like to utilize our current budget if funds are available. If not, we will use the 2023-2024 budget up to \$350.00. This motion was approved unanimously.**

**Old Business**

Chairman Randy Olmstead asked about a Pumpkin festival. A discussion took place about the Halloween event that the Lions Club do. This will be discussed further at August meeting.

**Public Comment**

**Jessica Dupont – 139 Lake Plymouth Blvd** – Miss Dupont talked about her milkweed project that she did this past year. She would like to propose that for the whole town. Ms. Dupont talked about the “No Mow May” program. She thinks this would be a good idea if the Town did this. Northwest Conservation does this program.

The Committee will look into handing out milkweed seeds to residents.

Miss Dupont gave an update on her milkweed project. She raised money in the fall to purchase milkweed seeds and distributed them to the Lake Plymouth residents. Due to the mild winter, the seeds were not able to germinate. She is looking to do this again as the company she bought them from is going to offer a discount due to what happened.

Miss Dupont mentioned that a few years ago the high school kids made a compost bin for the community garden and it is not there.

Chairman Randy Olmstead will a call around to see if he can track down the compost bin.

Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne stated the Lock Museum has milkweed seeds growing there and he can collect them.

**Board Member Comments**                      None

**Adjournment**

**There being no further business of the Beautification Committee, Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano made a motion, seconded by Beautification Committee Member Joanne Auburn to adjourn. The meeting ending at 8:06 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Schnaars  
Recording Secretary