

Darien Beautification Commission
June 8, 2000 Minutes

Members Present: Olmsted, Baker, Bhirud, McGrath, Meinerth, Filmer, Schutte, Drimal, Kirchen, Eliot, Merritt, Ryan

1. Suzanne Schutte introduced new commission member Pam Eliot and Cindy Ryan.
2. Suzanne Schutte reviewed the CT Freedom of Information Act and how it affects the commission in terms of agenda, meeting, and minutes reporting requirements. She also noted that the website needs to be updated and will contact Karl Kilduff for instructions.
3. Jerry McGrath presented the treasurer's report. We have spent \$21,268.85, but the last Complete Designs bill was dated 4/19/09. But, if previous years' watering patterns hold, we should be well within our budget and will have some funds to spend on other improvements. The commission decided to add annuals to the adopt-a-gardens and possibly buy bulbs for later planting and add hanging baskets to other areas in the downtown area with lampposts.
4. Marcia Meinerth announced that the recognition ceremony for Janet Sargent will be on June 29th or 30th.
5. Sandy Filmer volunteered to be the commission contact person for Complete Designs. Her primary goal will be to encourage prompt billing so that we are better able to manage our budget.
6. Complete Designs is interested in planting and maintaining the Town Hall urns. We will solicit her ideas on how to make the urns more attractive in the offseason.
7. Fosters Inc. is now maintaining 2 new adopt-a-gardens. One is at Nearwater Lane and the Post Road and the other is on Ledge Road.
8. Growing Concern has asked for another adopt-a-garden and will plant at the underpass (Locust Hill Road) when the construction is finished.
9. Park Landscaping is interested in another adopt-a-garden.
10. Country Living's contribution to adopt-a-garden is on hold as they have been acquired by Halstad/Wheeler.
11. Bob Baker submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen outlining his argument for reinforcing the existing regulations for realtor signs.
12. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 13 at 9am.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Kirchen