

**Beautification Committee Meeting
May 14, 2019
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Chair, Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. Roberts
Councillor M. Farrell
D. Kyle
O. Landry
A. Arnold

Absent with Regrets

Mayor L. Boucher
D. Geldart
L. Jewkes

Also Present

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Scannell, Director of Community Development

Call to Order

Chair, Councillor A. Murray called the meeting to order 5:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda with one addition." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting as presented." Motion carried.

Business from the Minutes

- Edible Plants for Planter Boxes

S. Scannell noted that the matter of edible plants for the planter boxes is ongoing.

- Water/Fertilizer Mix for Edible Plants (A. Arnold)

Ms. A. Arnold noted that she had emailed details on the water/fertilizer mix for edible plants to the Chair.

Brief discussion took place on the use of fertilizer.

Email information from Aida's email will be attached. Hanging baskets do not require the same soil.

- Status of Budget for Winter Décor

The Chair spoke on the work getting the lighting fixture and having it mounted for viewing and expanded on the details.

He noted that he and S. Scannell discussed, in turn of budget, and starting small, focusing on the area from College to Church Street. \$7,5046.88 + shipping, totalling approximately \$8,500.

S. Scannell noted that the first test case will be done on the center block, then perhaps add additional pieces next year.

The Chair noted that the quality of the fixture is very good, however, the longer a fixture is up the less likely you will have it for a long period of time. The recommendation from Mr. LeBlanc is to put them up from November until early January. Using Mr. LeBlanc's timeline (Christmas only) would likely result in having the lights in working order for approximately four (4) years.

Brief discussion took place. S. Scannell noted that the Town could look at a smaller fixture for cost-savings.

Comments were provided with regard to the length of time the fixtures should be up. It was generally agreed to have the fixtures up from approximately mid-November until mid-January.

S. Scannell noted that further discussion will take place during budget deliberations.

- Trees Canada Grant

D. Kyle noted the deadline had passed for the Trees Canada Grant and noted it would be good if the Town would make a commitment to plant additional trees. S. Scannell noted that the gardener purchased 6 or 7 trees from last years budget that can be planted this year.

The Chair spoke to the Linden tree and noted he would like to adopt the Linden tree for the Town. Brief discussion took place.

D. Kyle noted that one of the Linden trees at the Maritime Inn will be coming down due to expansion.

New Business

- Communities in Bloom Conference – Yarmouth, NS

It was noted that the Communities in Bloom Conference will take place September 24-29, 2019. Councillor D. Roberts had previously expressed an interest in attending. It was noted accommodations and transportation would be paid should members be interested in attending. It was generally agreed that O. Landry and D. Kyle would accompany the Chair to the Conference.

The Chair agreed to share details on the Conference once it is received.

- Tree Committee Update

It was noted that this sub-committee will be meeting again in the spring.

- Flower Basket Update

The Chair noted that D. Kyle went door to door promoting the flower basket program. Primary concerns were with brackets, and the location of the basket to the purchasing business.

Ms. A. Arnold noted that on James Street, many of the power poles are fibrous and therefore tend to be difficult to hang flower baskets from them.

- New Sidewalk

Ms. A. Arnold noted that the new sidewalk is looking good, and she is hoping there will be room between the sidewalk and property line for re-planting the grasses.

Brief discussion took place, with the Chair noting that the Town Engineer had indicated there would be a buffer adjacent the new sidewalk.

O. Landry questioned whether there would be more funds in the budget this year than last. Brief discussion took place.

O. Landry expressed a desire to see more flower boxes on businesses and removal of some of the paving stone adjacent traffic lights in 'dead' zones. She spoke further to sponsorship for flower gardens.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.