

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2012

Present: Elise Fila, Catherine Zimmerman, Myra Lenz, Dona Bronkie, Marcia Roth
Absent: Trustee Piazza, Trustee Geary, Shawn Michel ,Paula Hinz

Triangle: Discussion regarding the poor performance of the plantings this year... likely multifactorial...grading and loss of compost, weather, watering and fertilizing on a consistent basis and the quality of the plants. The consensus of the Committee was to investigate the planting of a more natural landscape, including native grasses and the addition of more boulders. In addition, adding bursts of color with perennial and annual plants as needed. The long term goal would be to decrease plant and maintenance costs.. The Beatification Committee recognizes we are not professional landscape designers and have a limited but dedicated number of volunteers, therefore it would be beneficial in the long run to consult with professionals to design a short term and long term goal for this area. It is anticipated that this would decrease the annul plant budget over time.

Hanging Baskets: Request form Lynda Juul, and the WBA to consider baskets on the Bridge over Main St.. The Committee feels that the baskets on Main Street are not worth the multiple costs associated with them...the plantings and the constant maintenance (fertilizing and watering by the DPW). This summer with the drought, wind and car exhaust was a never ending battle for the DPW to keep the baskets alive. In addition, with the banners, traffic and pots along Main Street the Baskets seem by many to be lost and not noticeable. The Committee would like to hang 6 baskets on the Main Street Bridge, providing the current supports are deemed stable by the DPW and no other regulations need to be addressed. This would reduce the Number of Baskets from 30 to 6...certainly more manageable.

Entrance sign at Wms. High School: Thought to be unruly. Plants have no water and do not thrive. The recommendation is to remove the RR ties and plant grass similar to the sign on Wehrle Dr.

WEEDS on Main Street; The Committee is so committed to the Beautification of the Village, however we are at a loss on the neglected store front owners or occupant in keeping their property clean and weed free. The Committee did spend a Sunday attempting to clean up, however 6 people can not beatify Main Street alone. We need a Campaign to encourage businesses to take pride in their store front. The Committee would be enthusiastic to join in on this endeavor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM
Respectfully submitted by Marcia Roth

Next Meeting Sept 11th, 2012 at 6:30 at VH.

Until then keep weeding and watering!