



## **DARLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR APRIL 22, 2015**

The meeting of the Beautification Board was called to order by Lisa Rock at 8:04 a.m. Members present: Lisa Rock, Becky Ishman, Ronda Brown, Laura Burns, Howard Garland, Jimmy White, and Coleman Cannon.

The meeting was opened with a beautiful prayer by Rev. Cannon.

Minutes of our March 18 meeting were reviewed. Mr. White made a Motion for approval, seconded by Mr. Cannon, and it was passed with unanimous approval by the Board.

Lisa Chalian-Rock gave the Treasurer's Report, as attached hereto.

Ms. Brown provided a report about the work of the Kalmia Garden Study Club. The Club installed \$750 worth of plants at the Council on Aging site. Additionally, the club put in irrigation for the rose garden on Pearl Street and re-ran the line for the fountain, so that we will not have the issue of the water being cut off during the weekend and burning up the fountain's motor. She reported that the Lawsons donated the sod for the area outside the City Administration Building. More than 100 bags of mulch have been added to the rose garden to minimize the weeds.

Ms. Brown also gave an update on the Trees on the Square project. One person has donated another \$300 for an additional pot, and she has received interest for six or seven more on Cashua Street and on South Main Street. Next week, the club plans to replace the pansies for the summer. The evergreen trees on the north side of the Square will be replaced with the correct species, the first transplant of the babies on the Square.

Ms. Brown also gave a special thank you to the city workers who helped during Clean Up Day. She said that since we have Phase I of Wells Park complete, we can ask Dixie Cup to fund the next Phase of the project. Ms. Burns wanted to say thank you. "It was really hard for me not to be there," she said.

Mr. Garland shared that considerable damage was done to the tennis courts from wind and the city lost trees on Wells and Sanders Streets. Tree work continues on Woods, Cashua and Spring Streets. He said there are several major storm drainage issues, cleaning out ditches will be a major effort next budget year. He said there would be a lot of pruning in the future too.

Mr. White asked about the status of the median at Mayo High School. Mr. Garland said that the contract was set to expire June 30 with the company responsible for it. Mr. White said the bushes needed to be dug up and some low plants put in rather than leaving it a mess. Ms. Brown suggested the fall clean up. Mr. White said he thought that was too late and that it should be leveled out sooner than October. Mr. Cannon said it created a hazard for vehicles turning. Mr. White insisted that it needed to be straightened out.

In other business, Ms. Brown added that window panes at 101 Exchange Street needed to be boarded. Ms. Burns asked that the fire department also water the four little pots on Pearl Street, as the roses have died.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m. and our next meeting will be May 20, 2015.

Respectfully submitted: Lisa Chalian-Rock, chair