

Community Improvement Team

June 11, 2014

ATTENDED: S.Stegen, J.Tenuto, A.Cohen, S.Rhoads, B.Terwilliger, H.Nielson, V.Danskin, M. Maley, E.Wagner

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY: The College's special day for community service will be Oct. 18. CIT volunteer supervisors can meet their student volunteers at 9 a.m. at Village Hall.

FLOWER BASKETS, WINTER DECOR: Sue reported that on 6/12 30 baskets will be hung from Ulster Savings area to the bridge. Sally stated that Town areas should have baskets as well as Main St. in the Village. Bleu stated that more baskets would cost the Village more money for labor to keep them watered.

Sally urged CIT to plan well ahead for the winter street decor and to include Town areas. Vici stated that the Town seems uninterested in the issue and does not send a Board representative to CIT meetings. Sue reported that winter decor banners are prohibited by current Village code and that the code may be amended to allow them. More discussion and planning are required for these issue.

GARDEN AND PARK MAINTENANCE: Sue stated her concerns about upkeep for CIT gardens in the absence of skilled municipal workers to carry on the maintenance jobs. Amy cited the need for repair at the playground in Hasbrouck Park; Sally cited the needs at Rotary's garden.

There was discussion of ways to enlist new volunteers for the playground. Sue mentioned the need to train high and middle school students for this type of work. Vici will purchase a battery-powered hedge trimmer for CIT use. With Bleu's permission it will be kept at the garage.

VILLAGE HALL CITE IMPROVEMENTS: Vici noted the need to dig out the daffodil and tulip bulbs from the front area and replant more grass.

Sally will discuss with the Shade Tree Commission the need to phase in removals of sweet gum trees and replace them with eastern redbud. The current trees produce too much litter and pose a hazard to pedestrians.

TRASH CONTAINERS: Sue will contact Stewart Glenn for a list of businesses that accepted CIT-purchased cans. The businesses were to maintain and empty the cans. Many/most of the cans are not out by Rt.299 any longer.

RECYCLING CONTAINERS: The old cans are being replaced. Sue offered to use C"IT funds for a new container in Peace Park.

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE: Matt continues to be interested in the long-range goal of lighting the bridge for at least part of the year. Solar energy was mentioned, However, the current condition of the bridge requires repair and paint. Sally suggested that Matt write to Gail Gallerie, chair of the local Transportation Implementation Committee. Ulster County and NYSDOT will need to be involved in any work.

SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS: Sue stated the need to maintain and improve signage regulations in the Village. Vici loaned Sally a folder of information about previous changed that a volunteer committee had made to the Village and Town. The Town has implemented suggested changes.

NEXT MEETING: July 2, 8 a.m., TOWN Hall

COMMENTS: Comments, corrections on these notes to vdanskin@aol