

Community Improvement Team
September 3, 2014

ATTENDED: S. Stegen, J. Tenuto, V. Danskin, R. Heyl, C. Marx, T. Friedman

TOWN BUDGET: Sue discussed her proposal to request the same amount as last year. Most of the money would go to support an additional Highway worker for CIT-related landscape maintenance tasks, with a small amount for supplies.

CIT's ROLE: CIT's role should change to advising local governments on beautification and quality of life issues, rather than performing the tasks. However, volunteer work to supplement municipal work could continue.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE TOWN: Sue and Chris plan to meet with Sue Zimet to discuss the budget and CIT's role.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY: CIT believes that it is time for both local governments to embrace the reality that New Paltz has become a busy tourist destination. Places like Lake George and Saratoga Springs can provide some adoptable benchmark practices that provide effective and efficient maintenance of public spaces. Chris and Sue may attend a Joint Meeting of the local boards to discuss these issues.

WINTER STREET DECOR: CIT will loan the lighted snowflakes to local businesses for display from Thanksgiving through January. Chris Marx will facilitate this.

BRIDGE REPAIR: It may be possible that the bridge will be replaced in 3 years.

NEXT MEETING: Town Hall, 8 am, Wed., Oct.1.