

Traffic and Beautification Meeting

November 7, 2022

Present: Phyllis Juetter, Catherine Leigh, Gail Tafaro, Kim DiDonato, Sondy Epstein, Council Woman Christine Ead, Vonnie Mott, Terri DeFilippis.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.

November Minutes were read and approved.

Scarecrow Stroll: Watchung's first Scarecrow Stroll was a great success thanks to the hard work of Gail Tafaro and Christine Ead. T&B's scarecrow was created by Terri with assistance from Phyllis. Kim and Vonnie. There was an excellent article with photos of the event in the Echoes-Sentinel.

Fall Beautification Projects:

Borough Hall: During our meeting, Alberta spruce, rhododendrons and grasses were planted by our DPW men.

Circle Islands: Old vegetation and soil was removed. The areas were leveled and new soil added. New plantings will be chosen and installed in the Spring.

9-11 Memorial area and Mountain Boulevard lakeside: The plan is to remove the dead and dying trees along the boulevard and plant new cherry trees. Old stumps will remain to hold the soil along the bank. Swamp White Oaks will be planted behind the 9-11 memorial. Selection of additional planting near the memorial are being coordinated with Seth Alexander, the designer of the memorial, and Chris VanderFliet, Historical Committee chair.

Holiday Decorations: Gail is coordinating the procurement and placement of the nativity scene, menorah and Kwanza on the Village Green along the fence line.

We will meet on November 17th to decorate for the holiday season. There was a discussion of various decorating ideas, including the purchase of solar fairy lights for the north side of Watchung lake.

Tree of Lights: December 3, 2022, 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting: December 5, 1:00 Borough Hall, Council Chambers

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Vonnice Mott