

**TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2023**

ATTENDANCE

PHYLLIS JUETTE
JANINE RIEDINGER
GAIL TAFARO
TERRY DEFILIPPIS
MARY ANN WEBER
CATHERINE LEIGH
KIM DIDONATO
VONNIE MOTT
CHRISTINE EAD, LIAISON

OPERATION PRIDE

Operation Pride was successful. Good turnout. We need to send a thank you to Russ Shallieu who cleaned up Bonnie Burn Road and returned with his car full to the brim with debris. Phyllis suggested we send him a small gift card as a thank you for a great job. It was decided not to send a gift card, just a thank you and Christine would mention him at the Council Meeting.

Suggestions were made for next year to have balloons and music to make the event more festive. Mary Ann indicated that her son had suggested that we get the fire department and police involved and have them follow the cleaning volunteers on the more dangerous streets to avoid any mishaps. It was also suggested that the Environmental Commission group may need to relocate to another spot because of the traffic and parking situation that occurred this year. So many cars coming and going and not parking correctly caused some difficulties especially with small children in the area.

ARBOR DAY

The tree planting will be May 5 at 11 o'clock at Bayberry School. The tree has been purchased and the hole is being dug. The Junior Garden Club will be there to plant the tree.

SOMERSET STREET

Christine Ead reported that the trees are being replaced as needed on Somerset Street. She also said there is a device similar to a tire tread that can be laid around each tree to keep down weeds and make it look neat.

TRIANGLES/MAY PLANTING

Christine reported that the plan for the triangles is in place. The DPW will be laying river rock on the triangles along with some plantings in the middle such as juniper and grasses. She also indicated that sod would be laid on the ground between the road and the sidewalk on the triangle nearest Stirling Road. Phyllis reported that the Vinca is ordered and growing in Gray's hot house. We set a tentative date of May 17th for planting.

FLAGS

The new American Flags have been received and are at Boro Hall. The Veteran Flags are going up soon along with the American Flags. They will stay up until July. Christine reported that there have been some new orders for Veteran Flags.

BEST LAKE

Phyllis mentioned plantings needed along Best Lake walkway. Gail suggested that there be some trees planted at Best Lake on the far side of the parking lot. There was a question about the slope there. Christine said she would take a look.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ann Weber