

Buildings & Grounds
June 2017

Present: Gina Auriema, Jack Nelson

Sexton's Report

Sextons not available for report.

On agenda: to discuss the need for a new mower. It has been brought to our attention that the mower Radek is using is 30 + years old and it's therefore impossible to get new parts for it. Since we don't have money for a new mower this year, it should go into our budget for grounds next year. Gina suggested to Radek that he sharpen the blades and raise them to a higher position so that the grass isn't so short and doesn't burn

Weed whacking and trimming - Gina wanted to discuss trimming around the boundaries of the yard - maybe do every second or third mow during the growing season.

Social Hall Floor - Is the cleaning and waxing of floor happening this summer?

Railing on Sanctuary porch - During the Earth Day event at church someone **taped (duck tape!)** a poster to the railing and when it was removed pulled paint off the surface. This will have to be repaired to prevent rusting

Minutes of May meeting were not read

Old Business

Clean Up Day - Special thanks to Joanna and Norwood Long for showing up! Jack and Polly arrived with loads of annuals to plant under the sign in their continued efforts to keep that area beautiful. Mark and Gina spent the afternoon of Clean up day painting the Pizza Pavilion. A few more spots still have to be done to complete the job.

Gina is planning a Wood Stove shopping day on Wednesday. She will stop at the Vermont SoapStone showroom and the Upper Valley Wood Stove Co. to look at the models they have available and to compare prices.

Gina met with Rick Fiske, from Welcoming and Engagement Committee about our (Ralph's) idea for adding the Equality, Human Rights and Justice decals to the sign on the lawn rather than the new sign that hangs from the Sanctuary Wall. He will pursue that idea. Gina suggested that he get in touch with the original sign maker for ideas and implementation, so that it is done professionally.

New Business

Jack has contracted with Dead River Co. for heating oil for the 2017-2018 season. He got a price of \$2.0723, which is 1 cent/gal over last year's price I just locked in our price on heating oil. Last year we used 3,500 of the 4,000 we contracted for.

Gina spoke with Ham Gillette about our hosting a Composting & Recycling Presentation at NUCS. He said that he is giving one at the NWPL on June 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 and that maybe we should just promote that and encourage our folks to attend that one.

It was noted that the small sign that hang from the large sign, could be hanging from shorter hooks, so that when the minister's sign is added they won't hang down so far and get obscured by the flowers.

There was no other discussion, so meeting was adjourned and Jack and Gina went into kitchen to see if there was any way to help Polly with dinner.

Our next meeting time is up for consideration. Gina will contact committee members.

Submitted by

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