

## **Harrison Beautification Committee Minutes September 8, 2005**

**In Attendance:** Lisa Sciliano, Camille Gladstone, Maria Gisondi, Denise DiBiasi, Helen Pesce, John Stubenvoll, Rose Marino, Robert D'Onofrio, Barbara Malfitano, Christine Baldoni, Joan Walsh, Ada Angarano, Honorable Stephen Malfitano.

Minutes from August 11, 2005 read and approved by all.

**Gateway Signs:** Have been approved by town provided that vinyl posts are used instead of cedar. Town seal to be enlarged on signs. Petti John park sign will be funded by the town. Historical signs are also being worked on by the mayor's office.

**Seasonal Decoration:** Town has approved the purchase of 120 snowflakes to light Harrison during the winter season. Purchase of snowflakes is now out to bid and will be ordered soon for delivery the first week of November. Some feel that the Purchase area would not want the snowflakes. Denise DiBiasi spoke with Ann Gold the executive director of PEPA and she will address at tonight's board meeting. These ornaments would not be placed on residential streets but near Purchase Elementary School, Post Office and the restaurants.

**Certificates of Appreciation:** Three landscapers will hopefully be recognized at this month's town board meeting.

**Benches:** Christine Baldoni has researched the purchase of benches. In her research she spoke with people from Harrison, Rye and Mamaroneck. Rye and Mamaroneck no longer purchase wood benches and are now using a cast iron with rubber coating. It is felt by the committee that these benches may be more durable but certainly have much less charm. As per the Harrison Rotary Club, Oxford Garden is still supplying them with attractive wood benches. It is agreed with a yearly coating of oil wood benches will last much longer. Oxford Garden is using a Shorea which is a type of wood from Thailand, that is used in heavy construction. The cost of these benches is \$600 including an engraved brass plaque. Harrison Beautification Foundation would like to purchase a bench to be auctioned off at the November 11<sup>th</sup> event. We would need a list of approved sights for placement of said benches so that whomever does purchase would be able to designate the area they would like it placed. It was noted that White Plains Beautification uses a very heavy teak bench that is warranted 100 years, Christine Baldoni will look into this. Will also check with public works if they will be able to build the bench and store at the garage until the event.

Fundraiser: Rose Marino has been recognized for her extraordinary efforts in soliciting donations. It is agreed that we need much more participation and many more auction items as well as journal ads. Monies raised from this event will be used by the Harrison Beautification Foundation to purchase a gift for the town.

Motion to close meeting: Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria Gisondi