

**Chimney Hill Owners Association
Landscape Committee Meeting
Saturday, August 4, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee met at the Chimney Hill Clubhouse. Jane Cary called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. The following Committee members attended: Gene Clark, Leon Gortler, Selma Gortler, Diana Gould, Pam Massey, Margarita Mayo, Yukari Saegusa, Anne Saracino, Carol Sewall, and Tanya Sparano.

MINUTES

Those present approved the minutes of the previous meeting on July 14, 2018.

CURRENT BUSINESS

New Members: Jane introduced new Committee members Yukari Saegusa and Anne Saracino.

Garden Tour Recap: All agreed that this year's garden tour was "terrific!" Seventeen people attended (nine Committee members and eight residents and guests). The group toured seven gardens. Seven should probably be the maximum number to tour in the future, with five-six being optimal.

Kiosks and Other Garden Beds: All kiosks and garden beds are looking quite lush. Cheryl did a great job of rearranging the entry garden so that the Chimney Hill sign is fully visible from Route 9. The hosta border along side the pool area needs attention and Committee members are urged to spend a few minutes weeding whenever possible.

Landscape Website Update: Diana and Pam met with CH staffer Wendy Acquaviva to spec out our needs for an additional page on the Landscape Committee's website. The page will house gardening-related reference materials, which we believe will be helpful to Chimney Hill residents. Wendy will add our lists of plants and resources to the website. As the web page develops, we will include an introductory paragraph and photos of plants that thrive at Chimney Hill.

New Hydrangea and Plants for Office Garden: A new hydrangea was planted at the left end of the row of hydrangeas below the clubhouse pool. Those who have visited the office wall border concluded that it looks fine at the moment. A few more plants, such as sedum, may be added in the fall.

Review of Revised Landscape Committee Objectives: The Committee approved the revised objective statement, providing that the note "Updated 2018" is added. The revised objective statement is attached below the minutes.

Plans for Fall Planting: Committee members will plant bulbs, including tulips in bright reds and pinks and daffodils, at the office wall border and the Clubhouse flag pole garden. Cayenne pepper should be added to the earth to protect the bulbs from moles and voles. Diana and Pam will order bags of mixed bulbs from Zimmerman's. Jane will order Chrysanthemums for our eleven kiosks. Committee members should pick up the mums at the office between September 29 and October 1 for planting by Columbus Day weekend (October 6 - 8). Pumpkins and/or corn stalks may be added at the discretion of each caretaker.

Field Trip to a Garden: Jane recommends a trip to Olallie Daylily Gardens, which has a great sale over Labor Day weekend. We can visit on our own or go with Jane on September 1 at 1pm.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Diana brought to our attention an announcement in the *Deerfield Valley News* issue of July 26, 2018 concerning a training session on the stewardship of the land, which will take place in Castleton, VT. The two-and-a-half day program, September 7 - 9, will focus on wildlife and forest management. This is relevant to our concern for the maintenance of our Chimney Hill woodlands. Diana suggests that interested Committee members and Maintenance staff should consider attending.

Diana suggests that we submit short articles, including photos, to the weekly CH e-newsletter to highlight the gardening accomplishments of our CH neighbors. She feels that this would raise interest in maintaining our properties and give a morale boost to those who are making a special effort to create attractive gardens.

NEW BUSINESS

Margarita advocated for advance planning to launch a series of gardening-related lectures in 2019. We need to come up with topics, speakers, and dates. The timing would be 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Carol suggests one session for creating note cards with a botanical theme.

We will organize a plant sale for the CH tag sale in 2019. Our booth will offer plants between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 15, 9:30 a.m. at the Chimney Hill Clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Massey

