

GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 15, 2022

Members Present:

Helena Corona, Outgoing Chairperson
Kim Spano, Incoming Chairperson
Madeleine Makiaris
Pandy Wohler
Bonnie Henninger
Tina Bettera

Members Absent:

Carol Anthony
Joan Malone

Meeting was called to order by Helena Corona at 10:00am.

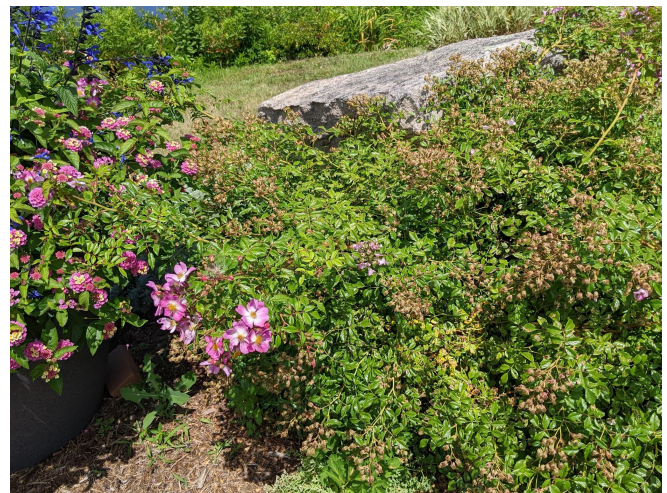
Meeting held at the GNBA Clubhouse.

Memorial Fund Report- submitted by Madeline Makiaris. Current balance: \$2,057.82

A request for support for Memorial Garden landscaping was approved and funds received in June for \$454.00 to Tom Vitale. Many new members of the GNBA are unfamiliar with the Memorial Garden. Madeline will write up a simple 'who, what, where, when, and why' brief article for future email to the community later this year.

Notes regarding the various garden areas under the responsibility of the Beautification Committee:

1. **Memorial Garden-** Earth Planter Pot being watered by Tina and needs to be drained- drainage hole might be clogged. Helena to investigate and adjust. Tina is requesting a new hose that will be easier/ lighter to use. Instructed to purchase and submit an invoice to Kim Spano. Rose bush is overgrown and covering Memorial Garden inscription on rock. Tom Vitale will prune and consider transplanting in late fall to early spring.



2. **Garden at Mother's Beach-** Earth Planter being watered by Pandy. Planter doing well- very exposed to wind and other elements. Roses along fence pruned by Tom Vitale this spring. Weeds and vines behind fence need tending. Pandy clipping- will make sure Tom is aware.



3. **Garden at Beach Entrance-** Weeds need to be cleared frequently as they creep in the surrounding sand. Rose bush and sage not doing well due to drought. Tom recently called to trim back the creep. 8/15/22. Will continue to monitor.



4. **Garden at Helen Lena Clubhouse-** Beautification Committee takes care of the front only. Hydrangeas moved to S. Lee Beach garden to decrease crowding of mature plants.



5. **Garden at S. Lee Rd. Beach Right of Way-** Hydrangeas are in poor condition due to drought. Keeping flowers and grasses below the sign for clarity as requested by neighbors. Needs weeding frequently and not being routinely watered. Need drought resistant plants.



6. **Gardens at GNBA Rental Cottage**- being cared for by the current occupant. Clarification of gardens under committee's responsibility is needed.



7. **Garden at Griswald Beach Access**- rock garden only at this time. Discussed with Tom Vitale regarding a low perennial grass for next year that would not grow tall, obscuring the signage. Rocks need frequent weeding. Drought resistant grass suggested.



8. Planter at Giants Neck Main Entrance- Beautification Committee only assists with watering. Heights purchases flowers and maintains. New sign replaced the one in photograph earlier this month.



9. Pump House and flower boxes- decision was made to NOT replace the flower boxes at this location. The committee has no responsibilities at this location going forward.

Comments: I hope these photos will help keep the history of the great work this committee has done in the past and will continue to do in the future.

Please submit any requests for reimbursement to me via email at spanokim@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your efforts in making our community BEAUTIFUL.

Thank you, Helena for all your assistance. I will attempt to fill your shoes- will the assistance and support from you all.

Respectfully submitted,

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