

## **Burr Gardens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 17, 2014**

### **Meeting Opened**

#### **Present**

Lisa Callahan, Jennifer Downing, Laura Fasano, Jeanne Finlay

Meeting called to order: Chairman Laura Fasano called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Jennifer Downing made a motion to approve March 2014 minutes. Lisa Callahan seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0-0 in favor of passing.

#### **Chairman's Report**

**Laura Fasano** thanked **Mike Jehle** and **Ellen Gould** for help with getting the application in to HDC for the granite posts and chain for the Burr Homestead driveway. Jim Gerrardi has mocked up the plan and drawn the application for the town, and town has agreed to fund the project. Pending approval from HDC, work should begin May or June.

Laura is thrilled to report that our long time commitment to this project is now coming to fruition.

#### **Grounds Report**

Ken Placko, Tree Warden, and Misty Byer, Town of Fairfield Forestry Committee, have worked with Oliver's Nursery and will donate 50 trees to the town in honor of Oliver's Nurseries 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Five of those donations will come to the Burr Homestead property.

There was discussion of BGAC's priorities. **Laura Fasano** broke down our focus into several phases:

1. To block the Homestead driveway in a way to deter parking, except for deliveries and tenants on the grounds.
2. The Tea House preservation
3. Renovating the pond

Keeping in mind that BGAC's purpose is to perfect and care for what we have in a way that is historically correct.

#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

**Jennifer Downing** and **Laura Fasano** will attend a meeting for the Christmas Tree Festival, chaired by **Donna Craft**.

The raffle will comprise of 3-4 prizes. The quilt, the framed historic cross-stitch sampler, a basket filled with gardening gifts. **Jeannie Finlay** to ask a contact for a possible donation of a Landscape Consultation. **Lisa Callahan** will coordinate an introduction for **Jennifer Downing** to the quilt maker, to discuss her ideas for a theme for this year's quilt so BGAC can incorporate that theme into our raffle.

**Jennifer** will also contact Erika Cueto, the raffle coordinator with the State of Connecticut to obtain a raffle permit.

Discussion to form a subcommittee for the raffle sales. The committee would help promote the raffle, reach out to the community, and build awareness of BGAC and our mission.

A goal of \$10,000.00 was set for the raffle.

### **Old Business**

Due to Lisa Clair having to leave the committee for personal reasons, the committee voted to forego reenacting the Hancock/Quincy wedding for the Town's anniversary. Leaving it to the History Museum if it chooses to continue with the plan. The Vote was 4-0-0

Mr. Bill Lee was unable to attend the historical walk through of the Burr Homestead, so the tour did not take place

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Finlay