Decorations Community Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Present: Darcy King, Madeline Davis, Debbie Bonner, Mary Scharf, Eileen Bonesteel, Bruce Bonesteel Sr. Tim Coughlin, Jayne Tracy

Meeting began at 8 a.m.

• DPW likes to get Christmas decorations up by November before they have to plow

• Stars are 7x5 and are skinniest at the base. Cost $682 each.

• Looking to have 40 but will most likely start with 20.

• $10,230- looking for 20 stars

• Angels- 8 ft tall- want 2- $759 each. Buy before May- get big discount

• Arsenal Green and Main Street- look good year round. (Ultimate Goal)

• Light poles outside of town belong to National Grid, we have permission to hang things on them (thanks Mary!)

• Want to be decorated from Market Barn to Walmart, we have permission.

• We have received donations from Insulation Nation (100) and Jug Store (3000) Doug Vensil has promised $500 to the cause. - Started the conversation

• We have a completely separate checking account for the monies

• Make Malone attractive year round with flowers and planters and banners etc.

• Commercial Grade products, so they last throughout the winter and more winters to come.

• Temple Display can refurbish and sand-blast the Stars for free, but it is expensive to ship back.

• Old snowflakes can be repainted and hung on lamp posts that aren't hooked up to electricity.

**Flowers**

• Foothills Art Society initiative, Malone Revitalization took over and Chamber is assisting.

• Bonesteel’s- beautiful planters made LOCAL

• Advantage-$150 come filled with flowers and delivered. Will be picked up in the fall by Bonesteel’s. Could have them decorated for all seasons. If flowers are stolen Bonesteel’s will replace them the first time for free.

• Foothills idea- All of the pots in Saranac Lake and Lake Placid have a theme, and Malone wishes to have the same idea.

• Planters would be located next to local businesses right next to the building, because DOT has not approved additional structures on Main Street.

• Adirondack 1892 is the model we wish Malone to use for decorations.

• Storage would be taken care of by Bonesteel’s.

• Foothills and MRF can easily purchase 10 at the moment. Mary wishes to go door to door to request sponsorship for the flower boxes for $150, and Darcy suggested that businesses be able to put their logo on the box. Mr. Bonesteel said that would be a possibility. It is important to keep Malone friendly looking

• Tim asked if there was a certain date that the boxes had to be off Main Street- Norm will ask Jerry Fisher (DPW) later this morning.

• Mr. Bonesteel said that Bonesteel’s usually removes the planters before Halloween and will replace them with white birch for a more Christmas-ey look for an additional charge

• Rob Haynes requires approval and to know where planters would be. Norm asked Mary if he was aware of this.

• Tim asked if the planters could be out during Winter Carnival,

• Danny Clark mentioned organizing neighborhoods to get their areas beautiful via Facebook.

• Debbie mentioned a "Keeping up with the Joneses" idea, keeping the pretty in Malone

• Tim mentioned that his window boxes for the businesses that have multiple floors, but stated that his employees put two gallons in each box every day to maintain.

• Flowers don't have to be on Main Street

• "Making the community better"- Tim Coughlin

• “Looks are everything"- Deb

• Mary brought up the Mark Fenton presentation

• "If we're going to do business then we're going to need walkers"- Mary

• 3 Montreal biking organizations.

Meeting ended at 9:03 a.m.