



CFC Meeting Minutes
07/26/2022
Council Chambers, 1 Portland Avenue

1. Call to order 5PM
2. Attendees: Cathy Chiasson, Lee Koenigs, Judy O'Brien, Holly Korda, Theo Ciampa, Brenda MacDonald, Jennifer Hayes, Kim Howard, Pat Wright
3. Approval of Minutes of 06/28/2022 was unanimous
4. General Business:
 - A. *Secretary*: Pat Wright volunteered to take notes at any meeting she attends.
5. New Business: None noted.
6. Updates:
 - A. *Fall Fest*: Holly Korda updated the group on plans for the September 24, 2022 festival in Memorial Park. She discussed food and entertainment plans being developed including the OOB 365 food truck, a Farmers Market Truck, and Ice Cream Truck. Several groups have committed to perform throughout the day including The Downeaster Chorus, Tri-City Chorus, and Salvation Army Band. In addition there will be skateboard demonstrations, line dancing, hula hooping and the Arts & Crafts Bus. Several town departments, such as the Fire Department, indicated interest in participating in some manner. Libby Memorial Library will have a library card table, children's crafts and hopefully the Bookmobile from Portland. The Friends of the Library will also be hosting a book sale. Other activities include a Children's Art Show, "Soup Flights" from area restaurants. Milestone, the Elks and Rotary are in line to provide volunteers and Saco & Biddeford Savings Bank offered a sponsorship. Holly also shared a draft of the colorful *Fall Fest* flyer developed by David Sherry. A small core group will continue to meet to firm up detail: this group includes representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, OOB 365, Libby Library, and CFC.
 - B. *Pollinator Garden* - Theo Ciampa, who is administering this project, provided updates:
 - A woodchuck problem at the Community Garden location is being addressed humanely
 - Plants at Loranger are doing great & the Library plantings have begun
 - There will be a children's art contest for garden signage
 - Cynthia wrote a grant that includes money to purchase plants and the Pollinators also received a private donation from a Massachusetts resident.
 - Theo is seeking suggestions for spots around town which can be utilized for additional plantings
 - C. *Yellow Tulip Project*: Judy O'Brien has spoken with the Police Department Social Worker & is trying to connect with the Police Chief; both are excited to have the police participate in some manner. The town is happy to provide planting bed areas but wants CFC to ensure maintenance of these. Judy and Pat Wright will coordinate volunteers for this. Cathy Chiasson purchased 500 bulbs on behalf of CFC and Lee Koenigs purchased 500 bulbs on behalf of Libby Library. These can be shared with other town departments and the schools should they require them. It looks like we will have to wait until school is back in session before

knowing how the schools will participate.

Judy mentioned that October 10th is World Mental Health Awareness Day and would be a good date to use as a guideline for *Yellow Tulip Project* planting activities around OOB. This would be followed up in May with blooming/blossoming time mental health awareness activities.

Cathy brought up needing more information about what's included in the YTP package that can be purchased for \$350. before committing to this. Meanwhile, many materials are available for free to be downloaded and printed. These include magnets (with mental health information) which can be shared with restaurants and other businesses around town; a traveling exhibit that might be set up in Town Hall; and a speaker's bureau for possible presentations at the schools or elsewhere. "Hope Garden" signs will be placed in the tulip gardens planted around town.

Judy will be arranging an August meeting with Suzanne Fox and Hattie Slayton from YTP and our CFC core group to firm up our plans and answer questions.

The Yellow Tulip Project will also have a table at *Fall Fest* describing their program and this will provide an opportunity to advertise OOB's October community participation.

7. Good & Welfare: Holly Korda brought up a possible winter CFC project dealing with the Wurlitzer organ located at Loranger School. She spoke with George Sabo who directed her to the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Theater Organ Society. Evidently that organization could use help with their efforts to maintain and publicize this unique and special organ. This suggestion will be discussed further later when the CFC is less busy.

8. Adjournment 6PM

9. Next meeting: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:00pm.