

AMHERST WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 23, 2023

Pursuant to duly given notice a meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation was held by Zoom at October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The following directors were present: Jane Sheffler, Betsy Mullins, Wade Elmore, Martha Hanner, Doug Gagnon, and Jim Barnhill. All directors present participated without protesting lack of notice. Denise Gagnon also attended for part of the meeting.

Denise Gagnon presented the Landscape Committee Report, attached, which was discussed thoroughly. No vote was taken.

The annual meeting will be in person. The directors set the date and place of the annual meeting as November 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Munson Library.

After discussion, the following people agreed to be nominated for the following positions:

Position	Person
President	Wade Elmore
Vice-President	Martha Hanner
Treasurer	Jane Sheffler
Secretary	Jim Barnhill

On motion duly made and seconded, it was duly

VOTED: to set the amount of the annual dues at \$150.00.

On motion duly made, it was duly

VOTED: to express the directors sincere and deep appreciation for Jane Sheffler's being willing to hold two important jobs, President and Treasurer, simultaneously.

On motion duly made, it was duly

VOTED: To adjourn.

The meeting adjourned as voted.

The foregoing is a true record of the meeting, attest:

  
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James H. Barnhill  
Secretary

### AWHA Annual Meeting Landscape Report 2023

The AWA Landscape Committee (Denise Gagnon, Nina Korza and Kathleen Teagno) drove through the neighborhood with Bob Day from Spring Valley Landscaping early in the spring to look at common areas, circles and entrances to determine what work needed to be done.

At the corner of Wildflower and Old Farm, we asked for the mound to be slightly reshaped to fit 3 azaleas on either side of the 3 Amelanchiers planted in the center of the mound. Six azaleas were selected by the committee and planted by Spring Valley.

When the neighbors who had been storing the benches placed on the Wildflower/Trillium circle (the benches were not made to be left out in the winter) asked if the neighborhood could find another neighbor to store the benches, and the neighbor who had a truck to transport the benches, asked if there were other options for transport, we looked into a bench that could be left out in the winter and not easily stolen (which is what happened to the original benches on the circle). We looked at bench prices at Gardener's Supply and on-line that could be left out over the winter, and we researched what could be used to secure the benches. Bench prices were approximately \$500, but they would need to be secured (possibly in concrete). We contacted Ashfield Stone to get a quote for a stone bench that could be left out in the winter and not easily stolen. The quote for the bench and installation was \$800. We sent photos of the different benches and prices to the AWA president and received approval to have the stone bench installed.



At the Indian Pipe circle, 11 'Happy Returns' daylily were planted in front of the birch trees.

At the Alyssum circle, 8 'Happy Returns' daylily were planted in front of the boulder.

It was determined that the grass in-between the plants at the pump station should be removed and the planted area should be mulched to help maintain the area.

During one of the spring wind/rain storms, two good sized trees that were in the woods behind the pump station came down and fell on some of the plants at the pump station. We contacted Alan Snow to hear if the town could remove the fallen trees, but it was determined that they were not on town property. David Mullins and Doug Gagnon removed the fallen trees to try to save the plants at the pump station. Some of the plants were saved, but a few of the plants were destroyed by the fallen trees.



During our drive through the neighborhood, we noted that some of the plants on the circles and entrances were suffering from pest and disease damage. In order to keep the plants alive, we contacted Greg at Bartlett Tree and took a ride through the neighborhood with him to determine what could be done to save the plants. He gave us an estimate to treat the plants, which we sent to the AWA president for approval.

Spring Valley Landscaping has been doing a good job keeping the common areas mowed and the circles and entrances weeded. We thought it would be good to reach out to area landscape companies seeking bids for the 2024 growing season. We contacted and drove through the neighborhood with Snow's Landscaping, Greenscapes and Omasta Landscaping. Snow's got back to us to let us know that they would not be able to give us a bid because they did not have enough employees to do the job. We're waiting to hear back from Greenscapes and Omasta with a bid. We also contacted Better View Landscaping, but they have not gotten back to us to take a ride through the neighborhood to give us a bid.

As soon as we have some bids, we will compare them with Spring Valley and then we'll reach out to make a decision about changing landscape companies or continuing with Spring Valley.

Respectfully,  
Denise Gagnon  
Chair, AWA Landscape Committee