

AGENDA **Beautification Committee Meeting**, April 10, 2014, 9:00-9:45 at Broadcast Studio

- ⊗ Co-chairs Sharon and Elissa start meeting, and introduce [Mike Reynolds as moderator](#).
- ⊗ Committee Members and others at table identify themselves.
- ⊗ **Don**: Summary of how the committee started 11 years ago.
- ⊗ Year in review
 - **Sharon**: Briefly discuss volunteer hours (547), thank community members, Public Works
 - **Elissa**: Wreath project
 - **Mike**: Discuss experience working with us, things learned, ideas about future direction
 - **Others**: **Please be thinking of any input you might like to give about last season.**

- ⊗ **Nathan** discuss Spring Clean-up

- ⊗ Volunteer Opportunities: There are opportunities for volunteers to work just a couple of hours per year, once in a while throughout the summer, or every week, if they choose.
 - *Adopt a Garden* ([Sharon](#))
 - *Walk & Weed* ([Elissa](#))
 - *Pink Tulip Project* ([Fran](#))

- ⊗ More Info About Volunteering
 - See [Raymond Beautification Committee](#) on [Facebook](#).
 - Email Sharon Dodson through link at *Beautification Committee* on Town Website.
 - Call Louise Lester at the Town Hall, 655-4742.
 - Attend Walk & Weed any Friday morning at the Vet Park.

- ⊗ Initiatives to facilitate the longevity of the project
 1. See if we can get 20 hours per week from Public Works.
 - Would enable Weeders to have only one organized work day a week
 - Would let volunteers focus more on *beautification*, rather than hard labor
 - Would get the piles picked up soon after they are made
 - Would make the project appealing to more volunteers
 - Could get the Raymond Beach gardens under control

 2. Continue to utilize the services of Cumberland County Corrections Community Service Volunteers.
 - We got 170 volunteer hours from them last year.
 - They are scheduled to work twice this summer, 3 days before both the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

 3. Develop a plan to deal with Raymond Beach parking lot landscaping (**especially if we don't get the 20 hours from Public Works**).
 - A group of all new volunteers, "The Beach Brigade"—The open Volunteer Coordinator position has been posted since January 2013.

- ⊗ Things to do ASAP: Pull the rest of the winter seasonal décor (when?), other things?

- ⊗ Walk & Weed starts 9:00am (because it might be cool), Friday, May 9 at the Veterans' Memorial Park

Vision:

To maintain and enhance the sense of community pride and visual appearance of the Town of Raymond through the use of gardens, landscaping and seasonal decorations. This will be a community partnership, which includes volunteerism, town resources and the business community.

Mission

The Raymond Beautification Committee will develop and promote initiatives that identify and address the town's beautification. The Committee will provide input into policy making and serve as a liaison between townspeople and involved town boards/committees advocating for desirable improvements and maintenance.