

BBC 2025 SEPTEMBER 23 MINUTES

Present: Elby Gonzales, Eunice, Catherine Lyons, Paul Butler, Mary Briggs, Claire, Mary, Ruthie, Peter, Brian, Beverly, Sharon

Not Present: Rise Cappadona

Presentation by Paul Butler: Overview of Bloomfield Gateway, Bloomfield Ave

Private landscapers will take care of maintenance from the Apartments. 210 Units. Not intended to be low income housing, but 11 to 15% low income. Project will start in June, with 18-20 months from start to finish.

Many design elements in project will match existing features in Bloomfield, such as the gazebo in Filley Park. Topography allows for the building to recess down and appear to be less tall than the actual 5 stories including basement. Building appears to be only 3.5 stories high. Public parking, Public Dog Park will be provided and maintained by Gateway.

Comments, suggestions, and questions from our group include the following:

Suggestion: Non-monitored camera surveillance in dog park that can be reviewed if necessary. Can there be a double gate?

After the presentation, all attendees were invited to enjoy refreshments provided by BBC.

BBC MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00 PM

August minutes were approved by Gwen and seconded by Brian. Unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall – set up a time to plant mums and ornamental kale. Consider planting perennial chrysanthemums instead of new plantings each year.

Notable Landscape Awards – Friday, Sept. 19, 2025 at Filley Park.

23 Winners. Some winners have won 3-5 times! It was suggested that a plaque be made for winners after winning multiple times. Sharon suggested that we recognize a home with a notable “spring flowers garden,” but the motion failed to pass. Members discussed having a letter or postcard sent to all Notable Landscape nominees who didn't win to inform them that they were nominated and recognized.

Trees for Bloomfield – Saturday Sept. 13

31 Trees, Mulch, and Compost were picked up by homeowners to plant themselves this year. People who were unable to plant their trees were told they would be assisted by

TFB treekeeper teams, Walt and China and Kevin and Paula . Ron Pitz and his brother Andrew delivered trees to many of the homeowners. A dogwood tree will be planted behind the electronic sign replacing cannas.

SEPT/OCT MAINTENANCE

Mary Hill Oct. 11 – 8:30 to 10:30 Remove Carex Ice Dance, and invasive bittersweet weeds, replace with variegated red twig dogwoods and astilbes 'dark side of the moon'.

Town Center cleanup -schedule for November

Electric Sign maintenance - Thursday Sept. 25, 9:00 AM – Ruth, Claire and Sharon

Brian and Peter will follow up with Sharon and dig out cannas behind Electronic sign on October 10, 9:30 am.

Saturday, October 11, 8:30 AM – Beverly, Sharon, Gwen, Claire, Elby, Ruth, Rise, Dayle will remove invasives at Mary Hill Green. We will need to bring clippers, shovels, blower, tarps. Debris to be picked up by DPW.

NEW BUSINESS

330 Park – New Landscape. 250 juniper icee blue' 4"t x 8'w- recommended to be planted on west side of 330 Park for ground cover. Donated by Monrovia Nurseries.

Town Hall

October: Add decorative spiders and bats to hanging baskets. Wades will donate pumpkins.

November 18: Rehang baskets with winterberry and evergreens. Need a date for making new baskets.

Farmington River Park

Need new steward for park. Cathy unable to continue... Dayle recommended.

FRP sign needs to be more clear and visible. Call zoning for size and placement.

Filley Park - Proper maintenance of plantings questionable. Oversight and professional care appears to be minimal.

BART – DPW UPDATE

June O'Conner has landscape plan for Filley Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM (Next BBC meeting will be October 28, 2025)