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ATTENDANCE: Jeff Dawson, Alex Ghiselin, Peter McLean,, Sue Norton

BASH & CLEANUP: Both April events went well, altho neither had huge turnouts. The Bash, April 2, attracted 30 to 40 people; the Cleanup last Sat., about 15. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

CITYNEWS: Rick's has been sold, and is now Greg's Auto Repair. They open May 1. They're willing to supply the BSVA garden with water as Rick has been doing for years. Hinckley street repair will start in June. Nonotuck Street will be getting speed bumps soon. Come to a meeting Tues., May 16, 5:30 PM in the city council room to talk about where they should go. For Riverside Drive the city wants to redo the traffic count, as the last one was done 10 years ago. Then DPW has to create a plan for traffic calming there, which will be presented to the neighborhood the hopefully near future.

GARDEN SIGN: The picture, painted by Karen Feigenbaum 17 years ago, is blistering, and the wood itself is deteriorating. Peter got a \$350 estimate from Porcupine Sign Co. to replace the picture and the wood slab it's painted on. Or they could replace the picture only, on a piece of plastic, for \$100. Our small quorum decided to go whole-hog for the \$350. In 2009 the Bisailon family, who'd had an early-20th century homestead at 67 Riverside Drive, donated to BSVA \$700 for the "entrance garden below the high school." Sue and Ann have used little of this money. Someone with graphic arts skill would have to photograph the sign for Porcupine to reproduce. Anyone interested? Jeff will post the request on Google Group.

MORE GARDEN: Sue, Ann, and Alex have weeded and composted the garden, planting a few pansies to augment the spring bulbs. Also, Ann and Bob Burger have offered a neighborhood tour of their woods garden (with waterfall and pond) to benefit the BSVA scholarship fund. Sounds good! Keep posted for our time.

TAG SALE: Sat., June 3 (rain date, June 4) Nonotuck Community School (Feiker) and CareOne nursing home will coordinate their sales with ours. Sign up with Gary Hartnell at ghartwel@smith.ed. Gary also is the artist behind the knockout painted signs announcing BSVA events at the garden corner. We will again ask Allen Verson, owner of the Cutlery, for use of that parking lot by tag-salers whose lawns are not too accessible.

PICNIC: Saturday, August 19, 3-7 PM, Mains Field. Alex will ask Sandy if the UU band will be available again this year. Next newsletter will be out the beginning of August.

ADS: Some residents have received postcards in the mail, advertising the "NextDoorBayStateVillage" website. BSVA uses only Google Group.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 23, 6 pm

Submitted: Sue Norton , Secretary