

TOWN OF STONINGTON
152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE-SPECIAL MEETING
Monday March 15, 2021 at 5:00PM
Virtual Web Ex Meeting
Approved Minutes

Approved

9/20/2021

Present: Julie Holland, Danny Oliverio, Kristin Parsons, Kit Hartford, Ayo Bryant, Annmarie Castagno-Clark, Carole Nossek, Stacy Cassata, Guest Deb Downie

Absent: Eric Beverly

1. Call to order-Meeting called to order by Julie Holland at 5pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes- February 2021 meeting minutes approved with a motion by Danny Oliverio, second by Annmaire Castagno-Clark, All in favor.
4. New Business
 - a. Correspondence-A member of the Stonington Garden Club is interested in learning about the pollinating pathway project and a Stonington Resident Jean Fiore who has concerns with the trees being replaced in front of West Broad Street School.
 - b. Earth Day- Earth Day is April 22nd, Ayo Bryant working with Thaler Hefel to arrange a Pawcatuck clean up on April 25th from 9a-12p with a rain date of May 2nd. Also discussion of a town wide cleanup possibility.
 - c. Rt 1 Island-Shaun & Antonio Mastroianni to maintain island, allocated money for mulch not to exceed \$300. Motion made by Danny Oliverio, second by Carole Nossek, all in favor.
 - d. Sponsorship/T-Shirt Fundraiser-
 - i. Business sponsorships remain on hold while recovering from Pandemic
 - ii. T-shirt fundraiser to support pollinating gardens raised \$458.82.
 - iii. Stacy Cassata working on additional fundraiser idea.
 - e. Future Tree Plantings-Reviewing town properties for ability to plant tree seedlings this spring
 - f. Holmes St-Need to meet on location and review, plan to engage with Mystic Garden Club and possible grant submission, will review again later this spring
 - g. Future 2021-2022 Projects-Holmes St Planter project, additional pollinating plants and trees
 - h. Donahue Park Lighting/Garden/Pots- Safety lighting in CIP Budget Plan; pollinating garden and potential pots to be added to Donahue Park.
 - i. Pollinating Community Garden Initiative- Encourage neighborhoods to clean up and plant; Master Gardener Noreen Kepple to host a zoom class on Thursday; bring knowledge to public, possible project to encourage seniors and children to start seeds

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5. Old Business
 - a. Spring Plantings-Gathering prices currently, planning to plant the last week in March
 - b. West Broad Street Trees- Ongoing discussion on location of trees
 - c. Donahue Park Future Pollinating Garden-Ongoing discussions
 - d. Volunteer Certificates-
 - e. Beautification Signs-signs are in and will begin to deploy as projects are maintained and implemented
 - f. Advertisement/Communication-signs, Stonington Magazine, social media
6. Comments from the public-
 - a. Downtown clean up & mulch needed at Donahue Park, Mystic CVS, Police Station, Human Services, Neighborhood Center, and Town Hall
7. 7.Adjourn-Motion to Adjourn by Stacy Cassata, Second by Carole Nossek, All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Parsons

Beautification Committee Secretary