


# TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378

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## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- SPECIAL MEETING

Monday June 15, 2020 at 5:00PM


Virtual Web-X Meeting

### Approved Minutes

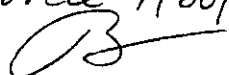
**Present:** Julie Holland, Danny Oliverio, Carole Nossek, Kit Hartford, Kristin Parsons, Shaun Mastroianni, Deb Downie, Guest Sue Cullen, Guest Ellen Knizeski

**Absent:** Ayo Bryant, Eric Beverly

1. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order by Julie Holland at 5:02 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes with Amended for spelling error: Carole Nossek made a motion to approve the minutes for the February meeting, seconded by Danny Oliverio. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. New Business
  - Correspondence
    - Email from Rick Newton regarding Cottrell St in Mystic needing flower pots
  - Stonington Beautification Signs/Committee Profiles
    - Proposal to print removable signs through ABC photo that can be placed at project sites
    - Committee Profiles-proposal for committee members to answer questions that can be posted to social media to help the town get to know our committee and help make contacts with town residents. Questions to be circulated to committee for review
  - Pollinating Pathway Project
    - Review of pollinator garden plan with money allocated by the town
    - Current SBC installed gardens are at VFW Park, Pawcatuck Sign, Donahue Park
    - Human Services building had pollinator garden installed
    - Committee approached by Stonington Arms seeking guidance to help start garden as well as the Stonington High School
    - Public Works also installed pollinator gardens at the town hall, 4<sup>th</sup> district voting hall, behind the high school and at the Velvet Mill
    - Recognition to Noreen Kepple for guidance
  - Mystic Pequot Sepos Cove Bridge Approval/Grant Mystic Garden Club
    - Previously approved by police commissioner in early 2020
    - Planters will be similar to Stillman and Pawcatuck/Westerly Bridge

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- Must be ADA compliant
- Proposed for three planters for each side of the bridge
- Grant from the Mystic Garden club for \$1200- Garden club notified that if all approvals are not granted, grant money will be returned to the garden club
- Planters to be built over the winter
- Downtown Pawcatuck Flowering Pots
  - Ocean Community Foundation unable to fully fund planters this year
  - Pawcatuck Donations allowing about 11 planters for downtown
- Thank You's
  - Pleasant Acres \$600 sponsored for Spring/Summer Plantings on Pawcatuck/Westerly Bridge
  - Cedar Ridge Landscape for donation of spring and summer plantings in Rt. 1 and Pequot Trail Planters
  - Antonio and Shaun Mastroianni for donations of spring plantings for Stillman Ave Bridge and Westerly/Pawcatuck Bridge
  - Grey Sail Brewing of RI \$100 Sponsor Stillman Ave Bridge
  - Alisa Morrison \$100 Sponsor Stillman Ave Bridge
  - Robert Statchen \$100 Sponsor Stillman Ave Bridge
  - Antonio and Shaun Mastroianni \$100 Sponsor Stillman Ave Bridge
  - Judith Marie \$100 Stillman Ave Bridge
  - Deborah Downie \$100 Sponsor Stillman Ave Bridge
  - Heather Somers \$100 Sponsor Stillman Ave Bridge
  - Rt 1/Shell Station Island-Recognition to Shaun and Antonio Mastroianni as Project managers
- Volunteers
  - Visibility on social Media, new email address for contact
  - Need volunteers for weeding and watering
- Sponsorships/Fundraisers
  - Hold on small business Dine to Donate until better financial situations
- Allocation of funds
  - Motion by Kristin Parsons for donation of \$500 towards Ocean Community Foundation Pawcatuck Flowering Pots, Second by Kit Hartford. All in Favor, donation approved.
- Welcome to Mystic Sign
  - Rt 1 between Bike shop and Masons Island Light-proposal for flowers/small pollinator garden at base, possible lighting needed
  - Rt 27 Sign, also proposal for small garden or planter
- 5. Old Business
  - Stonington Monuments

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- Maintenance needs and potential need for additional flower pots
- Rt 1 Pawcatuck Amtrak Bridge
  - Amtrak Committed to cleaning walls by the end of the summer
- Mystic Rt 1 Island Project
  - Installed, ongoing weeding will be needed
- Beautification Awards
  - Scare Crow Contest Plan will be submitted to committee prior to next meeting
- Comments from the Public
  - Guest Ellen Knizeski is a Stonington Resident interested in volunteering with the committee and recognized committee for all the work being done
- Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Shaun Mastroianni, second by Kit Hartford. Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Parsons

Stonington Beautification Committee Secretary