

TOWN OF STONINGTON
152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- SPECIAL MEETING

Monday July 20, 2020 at 5:00PM

Virtual Web-X Meeting

*Approved
9/28/2020
[Signature]*

Approved Minutes

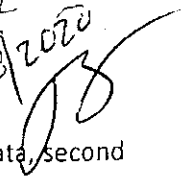
Present: Julie Holland, Kit Hartford, Kristin Parsons, Ayo Bryant, Annmarie Castagno-Clark, Stacy Cassata, Deb Downie,

Absent: Eric Beverly, Danny Oliverio, Carole Nostek

1. Call to order-by Julie Holland at 5:01pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes-Approval of June 2020 minutes, motion by Kit Hartford, Second by Annmarie Castagno-Clark, all in favor. June Minutes approved.

4. New Business

- Correspondence
 - New beautification committee email now on the town website
- Pollinating Pathways/New Projects Discussion
 - Several additional gardens have been installed, next to Stillman Ave bridge store front, another by human services building; Stonington Arms looking to install one with assist of Beautification Committee; Reminder to register pollinator sites with the town hall's pollinator pathway project
- Gateway to Donahue Park/Mechanic St Entrance
 - Discussion of additional Pollinator gardens in Donahue Park
- Welcome to Stonington Sign
 - Sign post with damage, working to find contact for sign
 - Possible location for additional pollinator garden or flower pot
- Future Clean ups
 - Discussion for the need for members and volunteers to wear safety vests while on projects and clean ups
- Volunteers/ Clean up / watering future projects
 - Mystic as a potential location for next clean up project
- Sponsorships/Future Fundraising/ Grants
 - About \$2000 in Savings, of which \$1200 is from Mystic Garden Club Grant for the Pequot Sepos Cover Bridge Planters
- Budget of Funds from the town

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- Review of \$5000 Approved Town Budget, motion to approve by Stacy Cassata, second by Annmarie Castagna-Clark, all in favor, budget approved.
- Allocation of Funds
 - Proposal for \$500 to be used for the Donahue Park Pollinator Gardens to be installed in the Gateway to Donahue Park Islands. Motion by Ayo Bryant, second by Stacy Cassata, all in favor, \$500 approved.

5. Old Business

- Mystic Pequot Sepos Cove Bridge Approval
 - Waiting for final planter measurements for final approvals
- Mystic Historical Sign
 - Overgrown brush was brought to the attention of the First Selectman
 - On state road, may need additional approval
- Amtrak Train Bridge Pawcatuck/ Clean up
 - Awaiting Clean up by Amtrak, told will be cleaned before the end of summer
- Donahue Park Sign and gravel path
 - Ongoing discussions needed for plan for gravel pathway
 - Old faded sign to be removed, needs updating or potential for historic Pawcatuck Signs to be installed
- Stonington Monuments clean ups
 - Shaun Mastroianni cleaned up the Mystic Civil War Memorial, metal fence is still dented
- Beautification Awards/ Scarecrow Contest/ Holiday Contest/Advertisement/Registration
 - Will be partnering with Human Services for advertising and registration, working on finalizing dates.

6. Comments from the public

- None

7. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Kristin Parsons, Second by Ayo Bryant, Meeting Adjourned 6:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Parsons, Secretary
Stonington Beautification Committee