

TOWN OF STONINGTON
152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE-REGULAR MEETING
Monday September 20, 2021 at 5:00PM
Stonington Police Department

*10/18/2021
Approved
Stacy Cassata
1/30/2023*

Minutes

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

Absent: Eric Beverly

1. **Call to order**-Meeting called to order by Julie Holland at 5:01 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes-**
 - a. March 2021 meeting minutes approved with a motion by Danny Oliverio, second by Carole Nossek, All in favor.
 - b. August 2021 meeting minutes approved with a motion by Danny Oliverio, second by Annmarie Castagno-Clark, All in favor.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Correspondence-**
 - i. Message from Mystic Resident-grass triangle space wanting to look like island next to Shell Station on RT 1, committee to review possible options
 - ii. Communication sent regarding dead tree next to entrance to Donahue Park and bank in downtown Pawcatuck
 - b. **Scarecrow Contest-** 2nd Annual Scarecrow contest in the works, flyers getting sent out; working with Stonington Gardens to help promote event as well
 - c. **Fall Clean Up-** Working to schedule dates and location
 - d. **Future Tree Plantings in Stonington 2021-2022**-Discussion of possible locations in Mystic and Pawcatuck
 - e. **Holmes St**-Discussion of possible planters, ongoing discussion needed
 - f. **Future 2021-2022 Projects**-Committee to brainstorm additional project ideas
 - g. **Future Fundraising-**
 - i. Dine to Donate Events to be scheduled
 - ii. T-shirt Fundraiser
 - iii. Rain Barrel fundraiser
 - iv. Discussion of possible other fundraiser options
 - h. **Discussion of Bylaws**-To be reviewed and discuss possible changes at October meeting
 - i. **Appointment of New Officers-**
 - i. **Secretary**-Annmarie Costagno-Clark, motion by Kit Hartford, second by Ayo Bryant, All in favor.
 - ii. **Co-Chair**- Stacy Cassata, Motion by Kristin Parsons, second by Ayo Bryant, All in favor.

- iii. **Chair-Kristin Parsons**, motion by Stacy Cassata, second by Carole Nossek, All in favor

5. Old Business

- a. **New Butterfly Garden in Donahue Park**-Installed, needs beautification sign to be added
- b. **Donahue Park Walkway**-Gravel has been removed, and grass planted
- c. **Past Fundraisers-**
 - i. **Dine to Donate July 2021**-Raised \$1200
 - ii. **Rain Barrels**-Raised \$620 selling 62 rain barrels
 - iii. **T-Shirts**-Raised \$771 used to install new pollinator garden in Donahue Park

6. Comments from the public-

- a. Concerns about safety in Donahue Park and gazebo damages

7. Adjourn-Motion to Adjourn by Stacy Cassata, Second by Carole Nossek, All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Parsons

Beautification Committee Secretary

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