

TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE-SPECIAL MEETING

Monday Nov 16, 2020 at 5:00PM

Approved Minutes

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

Absent: Eric Beverly

1. **Call to order**-Meeting called to order by Julie Holland at 5:14pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**- October 2020 meeting minutes approved with a motion by Carole Nossek, second by Stacy Cassata, All in favor.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Correspondence**-Mystic Garden Club grant money requested to be returned to the Mystic Garden club due to project approval being denied. Encouraged to apply again for grant.
 - b. **West Broad Side Walk Repair**-Project moving quickly, tagged trees to be removed and sidewalks repaired per ADA compliance standards. New trees to be replanted in the spring.
 - c. **Winter plantings on Bridges**- waiting for arrival of winter greens, as soon as they are available we will replace the bridge planters with winter plantings
 - d. **Holiday Decorations in Stonington**-Committee Support for Police station, Mystic Historical Sign and Intersection of Rt 1 and Pequot Trail
 - e. **Sponsorships/Future Fundraising/Grants**-Nothing new, can apply to the Mystic Garden Club Grant; Request made for a Mystic Garden Club member Liaison to attend Beautification Meetings monthly; Possible project on Holmes Street in Mystic
 - f. **Template for Public Works**-Goal for SBC list to be added by the end of December
 - g. **Flags on Light posts**-Approval needed from Eversource for flags in Pawcatuck to be mounted on the light posts
 - h. **Lighting in Donahue Park**-Continuing discussions with First Selectwoman and public works on ideas and estimates before the New Year. Some discussions regarding use of solar lights with some concerns about the brightness of solar lights to maintain good security within the park.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Graffiti on Stillman Ave Bridge**-not yet removed
 - b. **West Broad Landscaping volunteer support**-Repair project likely in next few weeks to fix memorial bricks
 - c. **Donahue Park gravel pathway**-Gravel replacement still pending
 - d. **Donahue Park Historical sign sub committee**-subcommittee meetings will begin in 2021.

- e. **Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation**-Also to start in 2021, Kit Hartford is working on this.
 - f. **Beautification Awards/ Scarecrow Contest/ Holiday Contest**-Scarecrow Contest very successful. Shift of focus to holiday decorating contest; Kristin Parsons continuing to work with Human Services. New fliers coming out soon.
 - g. **Advertisement / Communication/ Stonington Beautification Signs**-Ongoing, Signs designed by Carole, awaiting quote for use of recycled material, will be ready for review by committee in January.
6. **Comments from the public**-None
7. **7.Adjourn**-Motion to Adjourn by Carole Nossek, Second by Stacy Cassata, All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 618pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Parsons

Beautification Committee Secretary