

TOWN OF STONINGTON
152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE- SPECIAL MEETING

Monday September 28, 2020 at 5:00PM

Approved Minutes

Present: Julie Holland, Danny Oliverio, Eric Beverly, Kit Hartford, Kristin Parsons, Ann Bryant, Annmarie Castagno-Clark, Carole Nossek, Guest Sue Cullen, Guest Shaun Mastrolanni, Guest Heather Somers

Absent: Stacy Cassata

1. **Call to order**-by Julie Holland at 5:00pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**-Approval of July 2020 minutes, motion by Carole Nossek. Second by Annmarie Castagno-Clark, all in favor. July Minutes approved.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Correspondence**-community request for additional pots, will review next spring
 - b. **Donahue Park/Historical Signs/New pollinating Garden**-Sign still needing to be removed, replacement of stones on the walkway still need to be completed, additional pollinating garden planted
 - c. **Tree Plantings**-no decision made, further discussion needed
 - d. **Fall Plantings on Bridges**-Request for \$720 for fall plantings on both bridges to be installed, motion by Danny, second by Ann Marie, All in Favor. \$720 to be allocated for Fall bridge plantings
 - e. **West Broad Landscaping**-Volunteer support will be provided by committee for cleanup and reinstall of memorial bricks
 - f. **Mystic Historical Sign Fall Planting**-will be changed out for fall plantings
 - g. **Future Fall Clean ups**-Working on organizing cleanups throughout town
 - h. **Community Volunteers**-Committee Email is working well, will need additional safety vests, will need to continue to build volunteer base over the fall & winter for next year's projects
 - i. **Sponsorships, Fundraising & Grants**-Committee will write new sponsorship letter for future needs
 - j. **Road Safety/site lines**-need to stay vigilant of grasses/brush impeding site lines.
 - k. **Graffiti on Stillman Ave Bridge**-Still needing to be removed
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Stonington Police Department & Pequot Trail Planters**- Updated to Fall plantings by Carole Nossek and Eric Beverly
 - b. **Gateway to Donahue Park**-additional pollinating plants installed

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- c. **Mystic Pequot Sepos Cove Bridge Planters**-Awaiting final approvals, planters to be built over winter
 - d. **Mystic Historical Sign**-no updates
 - e. **Amtrak Train Bridge**-one wall cleaned, awaiting completion by Amtrak of all walls
 - f. **Stonington Monument Clean-ups**- Shaun and Antonio Mastroianni cleaned up Civil War Memorial in Mystic
 - g. **Beautification Awards/Scarecrow Contest/Holiday Contest**-Flyers out on social media, will go home at schools for Scarecrow event, planning to start soon for Holiday Contest
 - h. **Advertisement/Communication**-Utilizing Stonington Magazine, social media, committee email with lawn signs being developed
6. **Comments from the Public**
- a. Committee presented with Award as a Community Hero & Helping others during the pandemic by Senator Heather Somers
 - b. New Westerly Flags up on poles-Interest in replicating in Pawcatuck
 - c. Highway Pollination Sites-One will be installed near 91 on ramp in spring, open for additional suggestions in the Stonington Stretch
7. **Adjourn**-Motion by Annmarie Castagno-Clark, second by Danny Oliverio, All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Parsons

Beautification Committee Secretary