

TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street • Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
January 19th - 5:00pm
STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES

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2/15/17

Minutes

Present: Julie Holland, Danny Oliverio, Shaun Mastroianni, Carole Nossek, Ayo Bryant

Absent: Antonio Mastroianni, Michael Dennis, Eric Beverly, Kate Rotella

Guest: Mel Goggin, Chris Dipaolo

1. Call to Order

Julie Holland called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of minutes

Motion to approve December meeting minutes by Julie Holland, seconded by Shaun, all in favor to approve minute with edits from Julie Holland, all in favor, motion approved.

4. Comments from the Public

Mel Goggin presented an email from Jim Lathrop and Jeff Pucci. The email was in regards to the trees in down town Pawcatuck. The have outlined five concerns: Blocking of Signage, Parking, Security, Fire Department Access, and sidewalk buckling. Ayo Bryant suggested only some trees be removed. Julie Holland will discuss with selectmen about how to move forward. Discuss that this included 36 trees and the committee will hold a special meeting in the spring to walk the concerned area to develop a plan.

An email from Eric Beverly was read about suggestions for replacement trees. He suggests Green Pillar Pin Oak Fastigia, Slender Silhouette Sweet Gum, Amanogawa Japanese Flowering Cherry. Further discuss will take place in the fall.

5. Old Business

a. Update on projects

- Bridge planters- Have been taken down and will be put up in the spring. The sponsors have been established and we will remind them as we get closer to the date of the first planting.
- Downtown is Blooming Campaign report
 - Mia's- donated \$200 for Dine to Donate
 - Mel's March 6th 6-9
- Dine to Donate
 - Bravo Bravo 1/25
 - Water Street Café 1/31
 - Stonington Pizza 2/7
 - Mexicali- March?
 - Mel's April 10th 6-9
- Misc
 - Ayo Bryant presented about the Bricks and Murals project. They have some upcoming fund raisers such as: color run, flash mob, and food stroll. The goal to raise is \$147,000. Please go online to the website or see Ayo Bryant to make a donation.

b. Strategic Planning Update- Tabled

6. New Business

- a. Pawcatuck Trees- Discussed in Public Comment and will set up a site walk for the spring time.
- b. Sidewalks and weed control- Danny Oliverio presented about this topic. We had some discussion. Julie Holland will communicate with the Board of Selectman.
- c. 2017 Spring Projects-
 - At the Board of Selectman meeting on January 11th the light posts at West Broad Street and Mechanic Street was discussed about installing a new light post. The Beautification Committee agreed to support replacing the light post with decorative lights consistent to the existing post.
 - Danny Oliverio presented the committee support the tree warden recommending a line item for \$5K be created to replace trees that have been taken down. Julie Holland will follow up with correspondence of the committee's support.
 - Danny Oliverio presented on several cleanup projects: Taugwonk Road, Rte 1 between Chuckys and Pawcatuck Auto Body, Spellman Drive behind all-purpose field, West Broad St, Corner of Williams Ave. Committee agreed to put a list together and have the Chair present them to the Board of Selectmen.

- Danny Oliverio presented that the downtown train bridge abutment be power washed.
- Discussion of possible planters on island at Pequot Trail and Rte 1.
Moved to discuss during the Spring
- Julie to reach out to Mystic Garden Club for update

d. Tree Warden Report-Danny Oliverio reported that the Elm tree in Mystic will be taken down. Danny to look into the stump being removed. Committee to look into sponsors to plan another Elm Tree.

7. Adjournment adjourned-Carole Nossek moved to adjourn, seconded Shaun Mastroianni, all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:17PM