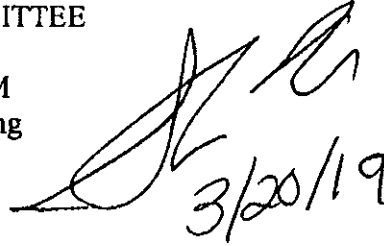


TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street • Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
Feb 25th, 2019- 5:00PM
Human Services Building



Handwritten signature and date: 3/20/19

Minutes

Present: Julie Holland, Danny Oliverio, Shaun Mastroianni, Eric Beverly, Ayo Bryant

Guest: Carlene Donnarummo, Thaler Hefel

Absent: Kristin Parsons, Carole Nossek

1. Call to Order called to order 5PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes
4. January Danny Oliverio made a motion to approve the minutes for the January meeting, seconded by Eric Beverly. All were in favor. Motion passed
5. Comments from the Public
 - a. Carlene Donnarummo gave thanks to the committee about past projects. Carlene commented about her disapproval of the trees removed in downtown Pawcatuck suggested by the EDC. In addition, she would like the minutes more specific. She would like to know what we are responsible for in downtown Pawcatuck and how our money is allocated and where it comes from.
 - b. Thaler Hefel commented about a Stonington Wall exposure project throughout the town. He gave an update as Vice Chair of the Plastic Reduction Committee and invited everyone to the next meeting on Wednesday 6-7. At this meeting they will determine if the Board of Selectmen should put the reduction of plastic to a town vote.
6. New Business
 - Correspondence- Julie Holland discussed the EDC proposal to eliminate 20 trees in downtown Pawcatuck was discussed. There was a meeting today with town

planners, business members, chief of police, first selectmen, and representatives from Westerly. There was discussion about having a plan if trees were eliminated. Rob Simmons wanted an inventory of which trees were problematic for the police and fire departments. There was mention of our committee coming up with their own proposal. No action was taken.

- Allocation of funds- No allocation of funds at this time.

7. Old Business

a. Update on projects

- Route 1 island project updates- Shaun Mastroianni passed out the lasted updated plans. The project is located at the intersection of N. Water St and Stonington Road. The signs would stay in place in the island that are currently there. The revised plans have been submitted to the state for approval. Once approved the Selectmen would have to approve accepting maintenance responsibility for the land parcel.
- Harmony Trail-Julie Holland gave an update regarding this topic. The Waterfront Commission approved 3 instruments for Donahue Park. The next step is to have the Selectmen approve the installation of the instruments.
- Earth Day Cleanup- There was discussion among all members about a cleanup. A possible date of April 28th for a cleanup, but Thaler will confirm at a later date. Julie Holland shared a write up that Carole Nossek wrote about Stonington Observes Earth Day April 21-28th proclamation. All were in favor of moving forward with this.
- Dine to Donate- Carole Nossek completed a write up about how a dine to donate works for our committee to distribute. This write up can be given to places that members of the committee frequent.
- Fundraising, sponsorships, grants- Ayo Bryant introduced the idea of a raffle to raise money. A \$10 price point per ticket was recommended. Maybe a table at the duck race (April 27th) to describe to others what we do. Julie Holland to reach out to the Chamber for permission. In addition, all members should look for other dine to donate opportunities.

8. Comments from the Public

- a. Carlene Donnarummo commented about the meeting today regarding the EDC proposal and clarified some facts. She commented about the set backs with the instruments proposed to be installed in Donahue Park.

9. Adjournment

- a. Eric Beverly moved to adjourn, it was seconded by Danny Oliverio. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.