

TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street • Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
April 24, 2017 5PM
Stonington Human Services



Minutes

Present: Julie Holland, Shaun Mastroianni, Carole Nossek, Ayo Bryant, Eric Beverly, Beverly Dodd, Danny Oliverio, Antonio Mastroianni

Guest: Georgia McGugan, Barbara McKrell, Makenzie Mahar, Nick Meuse

1. Call to Order

- Julie Holland called the meeting to order at 5:02PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of minutes

- Julie Holland moved to approve March 2017 minutes, seconded by Ayo, all in favor, motion approved

4. Comments from the Public- None

5. New Business

a. Update on projects

- Implement Stonington Rotary Grant/Human Services landscape- Barbara McKrell gave an update. Antonio Mastroianni and Barbara McKrell will work together to propose a landscape plan that will not be as labor intensive.

- Implement Stonington Garden Club grant- High School Courtyard- Carole Nosseck gave an update about the project. The planting will be this Wednesday at 11:30. The old trees and stumps have been removed.
- Bridge planters- The bridge planters will be refreshed by Stone Acres in May. Date to be determined by Shaun Mastroianni and Julie Holland.
- Pawcatuck Street lights- More lights have been reported out. Julie Holland updated committee that town leadership is aware and working on the issue.
- Downtown is blooming campaign- Julie Holland gave an update to the committee. The planters have been planted in a green house. There will be two plantings this year and more pots on the Pawcatuck side this year. The plants will be displayed sometime near Memorial Day.
- Historic signs- Ayo Bryant gave the committee an update. Ayo will research purchasing one of the missing signs. The other sign should be installed in the next month.
- Street Sweeping- Barbara McKrell gave an updated to the committee. She researched the sweeping last year and there were about 8 sweepings for the downtown areas. The town has a new sweeper and have seen an improved completion rate. There is no additional sweeping that will be added to the downtown area this year.

6. New Business

- Pawcatuck Middle School Clean-up- Julie Holland gave an update to the committee that the clean-up was complete and thank you to all that contributed that day including administration, Cub Scots, teachers, and volunteers.

- Future cleanup projects and volunteers- Julie Holland will organize a clean-up for the Human Services Building and trash pickup on various streets.
- Tree Warden Report- Danny Oliverio gave the committee an update that trees have been tagged and will be removed by the contracted company soon. Barbara McKrell gave Danny Oliverio the amounts of funds left in the budget regarding the Tree Warden line items. Danny Oliverio notified all owners affected on Moss Street of upcoming trimming.
- Mystic elm tree site- Danny Oliverio gave the committee an update that the tree planting is pending Eversource's schedule. The area has been clean up and seeded.
- Rt 1 island project- Shaun Mastroianni gave the committee an update. Pictures of the area were discussed and a planting plan will be created. Heather Somers will assist with approval of the plan.
- Taugwonk Road fence- Danny Oliverio updated the committee that the fence has been removed.
- Weed control plan- Barbara McKrell updated the committee that the weeds will be removed before events as they have been in the past. There is no plan to spray anything in the downtown areas.
- Sidewalks-All sidewalks have been clean ahead of schedule.
- 38 West Broad St- The trees have been removed and we will discuss a planting once the Bricks and Murals project is completed.
- Allocation of funds- The following allocations were approved: Pawcatuck Sign Area \$250, CVS circle- \$100, Historic sign- \$50.

- Correspondence- Correspondence from Barbara McKrell, Julia Leeming, Stuart Schwartzstein.

7. Comments from the Public

- Duck Race discuss about clean-up was discussed and Barbara McKrell has a plan in place.
- Discuss about sign in Mystic behind the Depot. Antonio Mastroianni to investigate, maybe get the Mystic Chamber involved.
- Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center will be receiving mulch but needs help to spread it. Julie Holland will coordinate.

8. Adjournment

Antonio Mastroianni moved to adjourn, seconded by Julie Holland, all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:38PM