

TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street • Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING May 20, 2019- 5:00PM Human Services Building



Minutes

Present: Julie Holland, Carole Johnson-Nossek, Ayo Bryant, Eric Beverly, Kit Hartford

Absent: Shaun Mastroianni, Danny Oliverio, Kristen Parsens

Guests: Three SHS students

1. Call to Order: Julie Holland called the meeting to order at 5:03pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the March Minutes: Julie Holland made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Eric Beverly. All were in favor. Motion passed.
4. Comments from the public: None
5. New Business:
 - Correspondence: Carole wrote a Thank You note to Pequot Plant Farm for their help on the SHS Spring fest held at Human Services.
 - The May 24th Fundraiser is at Cove Ledge Beer-Wine-Spirits. A % of all day purchases will be donated to the SBC. There will be free beer tasting and pizza for sale.
 - Donahue Park Clean up: Photos were passed showing the stone median between the lot and the grass. It is overgrown with weeds and looks unsightly. A plan to weed, and re-stone or possibly pave the areas was discussed.
6. Future Clean-up Projects:
 - Thaler Hefel has organized a second annual Mystic Surf and Turf clean up on Sunday June 23. It is by the paddle area on the Mystic River. Refreshments will be served to volunteers.
 - It was discussed to have more advertising of future clean ups in the local papers and to notify the surrounding neighbors to get more volunteers. Julie will look into this.
 - The Circus lot in Pawcatuck had a thorough cleaning by volunteers from the SBC, EDC, and Humans for the Future. Old camps, discarded rubbish, and lots of trash was cleaned. Thoughts were to put a chain/rope/ signage to block off the area, as it looked like vehicles would pull up and dump trash in the area. Discussion with the town must be had.
 - Laura's Landing in Pawcatuck is an eyesore from the RI side. It was discussed about encouraging the residents/property owners to make a better investment in the site as to create a pleasant view.
7. Old Business: Route 1:
 - Island Project: No new news. Project approved. Shaun is looking into fundraising ideas.
 - Harmony Trail: Tim Liebling is continuing to investigate locations for the instruments. The WVSS is hoping to have one installed at the Sensory Garden. Julie will talk to Supt. Reilly on this matter. There will be upcoming events for fundraising for instruments.
 - EDC Pawcatuck Project: The trees in downtown are still in discussion about removing/replacing. Many committees involved should come together to discuss decisions to please all involved. The plan should ultimately be to unify Pawcatuck and Westerly as we share one downtown area. It was discussed to have the Tree Warden-Maggie Jones- speak to the committees after researching ideas. Another

concern is that each tree has a dedication plaque that must be taken into consideration if removed/replaced.

- Julie also mentioned that if anyone is available, it would be beneficial to have a SBC member attend some EDC meetings.
- Bridge Planters: Pleasant Acres will sponsor and plant the Pawcatuck Bridge planters for the season on this week.

8. Comments from the Public: None

9. Adjournment: Julie adjourned the meeting at 5:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carole Johnson-Nosseck