

TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street • Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 21st - 5:00pm
STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES



Minutes

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

Guest: Carlene Donnarummo, Stewart Schwartzstein

Absent: Antonio Mastroianni, Joe Wade

1. Call to Order
 - Julie Holland called the meeting to order at 5PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. June (July canceled)
 - Motion to approve minutes for June 19, 2017 meeting by Shaun Mastroianni, seconded by Carole Nossek, all in favor, motion approved.
 - Motion to approve minutes for July canceled meeting by Shaun Mastroianni, seconded by Carole Nossek, all in favor, motion approved.
4. Comments from the Public
 - None
5. Old Business
 - a. Update on projects
 - Historic signs- The proof was approved in the past month and awaiting the sign to be delivered and installed by the town.
 - Pawcatuck sign landscaping- Julie Holland commented about the soil being sandy. Eric Beverly made some suggestion about how to solve this issue.
 - Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center- Future low maintenance- Julie Holland gave an update that there is a group of school kids weeding at the center this summer. Julie plans to meet the new director and discuss a planting by our next meeting.
 - Pawcatuck Street lights- Shaun Mastroianni reported that the town is working on an RFP for the lights.
 - Vietnam Park (Old Mystic) tree removal- No updates
 - Korean Memorial cleanup- There was discussion about how to make this area low maintenance with no action plan agreed upon.

- 38 West Broad St gateway to Donahue Park Fall 2017 future garden – The mural will be painted Sept 17-19. The group agreed to have a planting in this area in October.
- Route 1 island project- Shaun Mastroianni has drawn out the area, but we are waiting for a state budget to be passed before proceeding.
- Mathew's Park- No updates
- East Boro Pocket Park- Shaun Mastroianni discussed that this park will be discussed at the Warden and Burgess meeting in the Borough tonight at 7:30. The public is encouraged to come to support the idea. If there is enough interest the project would be passed along to a landscape architect to draw up a design and hold community meetings. This park will take some time to implement.
- Bricks and Murals- Ayo Bryant and Julie Holland gave updates. This event will take place September 13-17. Julie Holland will be hosting a pot luck on Sept 14th at the Westerly Library. There will be about 100 artists. There will be a Food Stroll Sept 14th from 5-7:30. Anyone can sign up to donate goods online, like bottled water.
- Sidewalk Grass- Stewart Schwartzstein discussed what he has done to help the issue of grass growing on the sidewalks.

6. New Business

- Allocation of funds -No funds were allocated. We have \$561.76 in the account.
- September Festival- Bricks and Murals Sept 13-17
- Cove Ledge fund raiser Aug 25th 4:30-7:30- Carole Nossek gave an overview of this fundraiser.
- Possible courtyard- remove from agenda
- Correspondence- None
- Sponsorships and future grants- We need to research and work on grants to continue projects.

7. Comments from the Public- Stewart Schwartzstein discussed 27 Cutler Street property owned by Eversource, Borough Park creation, Mathews Park, a tree planting program, grass alternative to mowing. No action was taken, some items will be on next month's agenda.

8. Adjournment

Eric Beverly moved to adjourn, seconded by Carole Nossek, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:54PM