



TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street • Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

October 16, 2017
STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

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

Absent: Carole Nossek, Leanne Theodore, Beverly Dodd

Guest: Rob Simmons

1. Call to Order

- Julie Holland called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of minutes

- Danny Oliverio made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting, seconded by Antonio Mastroianni. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4. Comments from the Public

- Rob Simmons thanked the committee for all their hard work in the past year and reviewed what the group has accomplished in town.

5. Old Business

a. Update on projects

- Historic signs- Julie Holland reported that there is progress and they should be up soon.
- Pawcatuck sign landscaping- The Stonington Garden Club donated mums that were planted there.
- Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center- Julie Holland spoke to the new director and they have remove bushes by the flag pool and a tree new the garden. We will meet with them in January to discuss 2018 plans.
- The Vietnam Park in Old Mystic- Rob Simmons reported that this was the first memorial in America. There was discuss about how to move forward and more research is necessary.
- The Korean War Memorial- The memorial has been painted and a tree has been tagged for removal.

- 38 West Broad St gateway to Donahue Park Fall 2017 future garden- Julie Holland and Ayo Bryant have completed a grant application with the local Rotary and are planning to complete the project in the spring.
- Route 1 island project-tabled
- Matthew's Park-tabled.
- The East Borough Pocket Park-tabled
- Bricks and Murals- Ayo Bryant reported that there has been more foot traffic downtown and positive comments about this project. There are flyers available that identify where the murals are located.
- Sponsorships and Future Grants- Julie Holland to work on these as they come due.

6. New Business

- Allocation of funds-tabled
- Correspondence- Lisa Konicki- Small Business Revolution-Main St
Mike Spellman- Resigning/thank you
Sandra Chapman- Mystic Downtown project (Groton)
- Adopt a Spot- Julie Holland introduced this idea and will be drafting a plan. We all agreed there would be no signs identifying the sponsors.
- 29 Culter St- Discussion about how to move forward took place.
- Exit 91- Julie Holland read Carole Nossek's email and distributed pictures of the site. Julie Holland will contact the town.
- Holiday Decorations- Julie Holland discussed the plan for this year. All were in agreement. There was a suggestion about using LED lights that did not allow the entire strand of lights to go out if someone pulled one of the lights out. Julie Holland to coordinate the greens with our last sponsor for the bridge planters.
- New LED lighting at Donahue Park- Discussion about the idea was followed with the group in agreement to explore adding lights. Julie Holland will look for a grant to proceed with the project.

7. Comments from the Public

- None

8. Adjournment

- Eric Beverly moved to adjourn, it was seconded by Shaun Mastroianni. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06pm.