

# TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street • Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
November 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm  
STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES

## Minutes

Present: Julie Holland, Danny Oliverio, Shaun Mastroianni, Kate Rotella, Carole Nossek, Ayo Bryant

Absent: Antonio Mastroianni, Michael Dennis, Ayo Bryant, Eric Beverly

1. Call to Order

Julie Holland called the meeting to order at 5:03PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of minutes (October) Carole moved to approve October minutes with outlined corrections. Motion seconded by Kate, all in favor, motion approved.

4. Comments from the Public

- Julie spoke about the sensory garden at the school. The garden will be moved when the school construction starts. Discussion of trails and possible walk-through to be scheduled with Leanne. We might have a project to coordinate clean up.
- Bricks and Murals- Ayo met with Wendy from the Bricks and Murals committee. There will be 4 murals in Pawcatuck. CC O'Brian, VFW, Credit Union, Pawcatuck Working Club. 200-300 painters will need food and housing. Ayo is going to be the representative from the Beautification Committee.

- Kate presented that the light posts will be fixed and a request allowing the town to paint the post was submitted. Do to the holiday decorations and winter, spring time will most likely be the time of repair.
- Danny is the new Tree Warden for the town of Stonington
- Thanks to Kate and Lisa for the sign by CVS being fixed

## 5. Old Business

### a. Update on projects

- VFW Park/Donahue Park- Holiday tree and gazebo- A holiday tree (about eight feet) will be purchased by Eric Beverly and will possibly be planted this weekend. The town will be putting lights up on the tree. Danny met with the VFW and they were in agreement with the tree. The Gazebo garland has been purchased and will be put up by the town.
- Downtown is Blooming Campaign-Collaboration between DBA, Chamber of Commerce, and possibly the YMCA Garden Club. Julie spoke to the YMCA Garden Club about maintaining the flowers for next year on the bridge and pots. The club will decided at their next meeting. Dine to Donate- Lucky House tonight. Twisted Vine Dec 2 after 5PM, Primetime-January. Will be developing Blooming Campaign for Mystic with possibly the Mystic Chamber. Bravo- Jan. Kate volunteered to create flyers.
- Westerly/Pawcatuck bridge planters- Ayo spoke with Westerly Garden Club and they might be interesting in helping out. Ayo and Julie will meet with them soon. The article was published in the town magazine about the committee and the bridge planters. Agway will help donate some greens and Julie is working on collecting enough for the planters this weekend. All committee members are to drop off green to her house by Tuesday. Ayo and Julie will refresh the planters on Wednesday with the greens. In 2017 we have 4 sponsors, Pequot Plant Farm, Mystic Pet Shop, Stone Acres, and Flemings. We did have some vandalism recently, Danny replaced the items.
- School fall cleanup- Nov 19<sup>th</sup> West Vine and West Broad Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Pawcatuck Middle School, Deans Mill completed,
- Mystic Elm Tree- Danny researched the tree at the library and with the Historical Society. He contacted the company who made the plaque and is awaiting to hear back from them if they have information of who created the plaque. Danny will contact the abutting neighbors to give them notice.
- CVS traffic circle- Discussion whether to have plantings or pavers. Mastroianni LLC will donate the boxwood and plant them over the weekend. We will plant bulbs in the coming week as well.

### b. Strategic Planning

- Tabled

- c. Committee bylaws
  - Will send out draft for next meeting

6. New Business

- a. Grants- Stonington Rotary and Garden Club- Carole presented about the grants. Carole submitted a grant for five different projects that totaled \$4,400. Projects: 1 year of 4 plantings for the Westerly/Pawcatuck Bridge, Stonington High School replace three trees, Stonington Human Services building replace dead tree, new welcome to Pawcatuck sign, Landscaping in front of West Broad Street School. The Garden Club tabled the decision until the next meeting. Leanne submitted a grant to the Rotary for \$500 to enhance the front of the Human Services Building.
- b. Account discussion for Beautification Committee- Kate presented on accounting. New account will be under Human Services. Checks can be made out to the town or Human Services. We now have a Revenue line item and an Expense line item. There will be a reserve account with extra money at the end of each year, so it does not go in to the General Fund.

7. Adjournment- Danny moved to adjourn, seconded Carole, all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.

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