

TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street • Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Nov 20th - 5:00pm
STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES



Minutes

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

Absent: Beverly Dodd

Guest: Students

1. Call to Order
 - Julie Holland called the meeting to order at 5:00PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes
 - October Minutes- Eric Beverly made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting, seconded by Danny Oliverio. All were in favor. Motion passed.
4. Comments from the Public
 - Julie Holland congratulated the current Selectmen for being elected into office. In addition, she thanked Barbara McKrell and the Town Public Works for the cleanup from the current storm and help with the holiday decorations.
5. Old Business
 - a. Update on projects
 - Historic signs-An updated was given by Julie Holland that we are waiting for DOT approval.
 - Pawcatuck sign landscaping - There was discussion about cutting back the shrubs and it was explained that it would be on the Public Works projects during the winter.

- Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center- Future low maintenance- Julie Holland gave an update that there is \$500 for a planting in 2018 and that they recently have cleaned out the garden. The PNC volunteers cleaned up and replanted the Josh Piver flag pole garden. The PNC will ask us for some advice on some plantings. Julie will reach out to the director in the winter months if they still want our assistance
- Vietnam Park (Old Mystic) tree removal- There was discuss about the topic and concluded that the tree should come down and new shrubs should be planted. Julie Holland will follow up with Rob Simmons for an action plan.
- Korean Memorial cleanup- Danny Oliverio gave an update that the tree has been tagged and will be removed
- 38 West Broad St gateway to Donahue Park Fall 2017 future garden- Julie Holland gave an update that we are working with a Master Gardener to determine what to plant in this area. There was discussion about including this in a Stonington Garden Club Grant. Possible options were discussed like Japanese Holly or Boxwood.
- Route 1 island project- Tabled
- Mathew's Park- to be removed from agenda
- East Boro Pocket Park- Shaun Mastroianni gave an update that he has met with a landscape architect Frost and is pending a proposal. Also, there was discussion about contacting Elena Pascarella.
- Sponsorships and Future Grants- There was discussion about future grants. Shaun Mastroianni and Julie Holland will work on grants for both garden clubs.
- Adopt a Spot- Tabled
- 29 Cutler Street- Tabled
- Exit 91- There was discussion about the current state of this area. Julie Holland will check in with Rob Simmons for an update.
- Planters on the Bridge- Julie Holland gave an update that the greens are now in place for the holiday season. Some greens were donated by Wilcox Park, thank you!
- Gateway to Donahue Park- Duplicate, remove
- Donahue Park lighting- Julie Holland gave an update that she is meeting with SNS Electric on Friday to discuss how to better light the park with LED.

6. New Business

- Allocation of funds- There was discussion that we do not have a lot of money in our account. We discussed doing a few Dine to Donates and then two fundraising dinners; one in Pawcatuck and another in Mystic. Shaun Mastroianni and Julie Holland will work on this. We will need to create posting of what we have accomplished a what we plan to complete in 2018.
- 2018 Meeting Calendar- We all agreed that we should continue to meet on the 3rd Monday of every month in 2018 unless there is a holiday.

- Reappointment of members to Board of Selectmen- There was discussion about the Bylaws and appointment of the committee. We will send a letter to the Selectmen to have the committee reappointed for another 2-year term. We will also look to establish an updated member list online.
- Discuss about election of officers in December- There was discussion that once we are reappointed we will need to nominate officers again.
- Correspondence- Email from Rob Simmons

7. Comments from the Public

- Rt 2 Donkin Donuts project to be added to the next agenda

8. Adjournment

- Carole Nossek moved to adjourn, it was seconded by Shaun Mastroianni. The meeting was adjourned at 5:64PM