TOWN OF STONINGTON

152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

January 27, 2020- 5:00PM

Stonington Human Services Building

Approved Minutes

Present: Julie Holland, Danny Oliverio, Carole Nossek, Eric Beverly, Kit Hartford, Kristin Parsons; Guest Shaun Mastrolanni, Guest Rick Newton

Absent: Ayo Bryant

- 1. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order by Julie Holland at 5:00 PM
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of minutes-Carole Nossek made a motion to approve the minutes for the December meeting, seconded by Kit Hartford. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 4. Comments from the Public
 - a. Rick Newton of the Climate Change Task Force discussed drainage concerns in town and need for pollinator garden & rain gardens. Rick Newton mentioned a few possible resources: Sustainable CT Program, New England Grass Roots Environment Fund & Long Island Sound Future Fund. Climate Change Task force meets once every two months, next meeting in March
- 5. New Business
 - Correspondence-
 - Stillman Avenue Planters approved by Westerly Town; EDC Idea Email from Town Resident
 - April Cleanup Projects
 - Ayo Bryant working with Thaler Heffel to organize April Clean up projects
 - · Rt 1 Center Island under Train Bridge in Pawcatuck
 - o Owned by Amtrak
 - o Need to create proposal
 - Allocation of funds
 - o \$1700
- 6. Old Business
 - Harmony Trail-Spring Maintenance of Instruments being led by Tim
 - Donahue Park Sign/Walkway
 - o Request sent to Public Works and Selectman
 - o Approved by Sandy Grimes/Waterfront Commission

- Stonington Monuments
 - o Continuing to Assess monuments
 - o Development of a Trail/Map of Monuments possibly on website
- Stillman Ave Bridge Planters
 - o Sample Complete
 - o Also approved by Local Businesses
- Discussion of Stonington Courtyard by Buzzi Memorial
 - o Ongoing plan development
 - Further Discussion needed with First Selectwoman about town taking ownership

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- Future Fundraisers for 2020
 - o Christo's Pizza Dine to Donate in February, Pawcatuck Location
 - o Stonington Pizza planning for end of February/March
 - o Tentative Cove Ledge shop to donate near Memorial Day
- Citizens Committee
 - o Overview provided
- Beautification Awards
 - Planning for first event for Fall with Scarecrows
- Future Town Funding
 - o Request for \$5000 submitted
 - o Awaiting final date to present
- 7. Comments from the Public
 - a. Additional Request by Rick Newton to incorporate rain gardens to incorporate cleaner water draining into estuaries
- 8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Danny Oliverio at 5:54pm. Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Parsons

Stonington Beautification Committee Secretary