


TOWN OF STONINGTON
152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT 06378
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE-SPECIAL MEETING

Monday Oct 19, 2020 at 5:00PM

Approved Minutes

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Present: Julie Holland, Kristin Parsons, Kit Hartford, Annmarie Castagno-Clark, Carole Nossek, Eric Beverly, Ayo Bryant, Stacy Cassata. Guest Deb Downie

Absent: Danny Oliverio

1. **Call to order**-Meeting called to order by Julie Holland at 5pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**- September 28, 2020 meeting minutes approved with a motion by Carole Nossek, second by Annmarie Castagno-Clark. All in favor:
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Correspondence**-Resident request for evaluation of Holmes street in Mystic; Fred Wagner of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council sent correspondence regarding speaking with his council to see if they would help refurbish the historic and preservation sign for the Pawcatuck River.
 - b. **Tree Plantings Discussion**-Discussion of Rt 1 Trees needing replacement
 - c. **Winter plantings on Bridges**- Winter greens to be ordered, not to exceed \$200
 - d. **Holiday Decorations in Stonington**-Discussion on needs for wreaths, holiday tree
 - e. **Mystic Historical Sign Fall /Winter plantings**-Mums planted by Kit Hartford, will replace with winter greens at the end of Fall
 - f. **Future Fall Clean ups in Pawcatuck/Mystic/Stonington**-Dates TBD
 - g. **Sponsorships/Future Fundraising/Grants**-Ongoing work for sponsors, fundraising and grants
 - h. **Holmes St Bridge Planters Discussion**-needs more review
 - i. **Lighting in Donahue Park**-Continuing discussions with First Selectwoman and public works on ideas and estimates before the New Year. Some discussions regarding use of solar lights with some concerns about the brightness of solar lights to maintain good security within the park.
 - j. **Town funding for 2021**-Julie Holland will be meeting with the First Selectman to discuss
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Graffiti on Stillman Ave Bridge**-not yet removed
 - b. **Mystic Pequot Sepos Cove Bridge Approval update**-Request denied by the State
 - c. **West Broad Landscaping volunteer support**-Repair project likely in next few weeks to fix memorial bricks
 - d. **Donahue Park gravel pathway**-Gravel replacement request submitted again after last meeting, awaiting timeline from town
 - e. **Donahue Park Historical sign sub committee**-subcommittee meetings will begin in 2021. Julie Holland expects this to be a two-year project.
 - f. **Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation**-Will also start in 2021

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- g. **Beautification Awards/ Scarecrow Contest/ Holiday Contest-Scarecrow** Update by Kristin Parsons. contest entries loaded to Scarecrow Facebook page for Voting, winners will be determined at the end of October: December Holiday Contest Flyer coming out soon
- h. **Advertisement / Communication/ Stonington Beautification Signs-Ongoing.** more to print in Stonington Magazine, project sign work ongoing
- 6. **Comments from the public**
 - a. Community Garden at Town Hall being Built, fundraising link on Town website
 - b. Spreadsheet to be completed by each town committee to help organize needed assistance by Public Works
 - c. Need to clean up police station property with mulch and possible fencing

7.Adjourn-Motion to Adjourn by Eric Beverly, Second by Annmarie Costagno-Clark, All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 610pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Parsons

Beautification Committee Secretary