

Town of Scituate, Massachusetts  
Beautification Commission

Tuesday, February 18, 2019 Minutes  
Scituate Town Library

- I. CALL to ORDER: The regular meeting of the Scituate Beautification Commission was called to order at 7:01 pm February, 2020 by MA Palleiko
- II. ATTENDANCE : Present: Beautification Commissioners Debby Barbary, Leslie Dienel, Sytske Humphrey, Laurie Hall, Mary Tennaro, Mary Anne Palleiko, Kathy McCormack, Karen Desler. Golf Course Commissioners Monte Newman, Susan de Coste, Mark Joyce. Guest: Diane Knaub.  
Absent: Anne McVeigh.
- III. INTRODUCTIONS We welcomed our new Commissioner Karen Desler and Monty Newman presented an update of the Golf Commission's work:  
The Commission is hoping to consult with BC about the Frontage Strip of the Golf Course. The Golf Enterprise Fund has accumulated enough to finance a 10 year, 3% bond to renovate the Clubhouse (vote at the April 25 Town Meeting). Funding is not yet available for parking lot (phase 2) and Frontage Strip (phase 3).  
Two years ago the Golf Commission solicited input from Donna Bangert, Northern Oaks (had excellent plans, but too expensive) and Kennedy's. Currently the Golf Committee seeks an inexpensive and temporary solution for the Frontage Strip. IGM Company maintains the golf course, and the Front Strip will be included as well. All costs will be born by the Golf Committee.  
**DISCUSSION**: suggestion to investigate if CPC funds parking lots. Caution about no salt area. Golf course was based on being environmentally sound and plans from both Northern Oaks and Kennedy's are good. Biggest problem and expense will be to prepare this small strip of land to make it fertile and healthy for planting. Native plants should be introduced. The discussion concluded with the suggestion for interested BC members to meet with the golf committee.

IV. STANDING REPORTS

A. TREASURER:

Amounts listed below as of 2/18/2019 (same as 11/19,2019)

FY 2020 OPERATING BUDGET: \$23,650.00

Bills paid: - \$ 4,400.00 (Morse contract July-October)

Available Balance: **\$19,250.00**

BEAUTIFICATION TRUST FUND : \$ 6,405.23 (6/17/19)

Interest: +\$ 10.50 (9/17/19)

Available Balance \$ **6,415.73** (9/17/19)

Selectmen accepted our \$25,000 budget. The trust fund received a \$500 donation. It was noted that Trust Fund is not used. Spending from these accounts needs to be authorized by the selectmen. Leslie will speak with Nancy Holt about Trust Fund use. We need a clearer accounting from R&C Farm about RR islands costs and costs for Adopt a Lot.

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**B. RAILROAD CROSSING ISLANDS:** Bill Morse wants to continue with the RRXI. Contract has been renewed and is in its third year. We don't have to put it out to bid since it is below \$10,000. Options exist for folks to bid lower. It is still too early to order plants.

**C. ADOPT-A-LOT:** We need new volunteers for LOT 27. The Tilden Rd./Beaver Dam lot has new caretakers. Lot 16. at the Tax Office, may be cared for by the girl scouts. Last year invoices for AAL and RRXI were \$7000. We are working to separate amounts for AAL and RRXI. Perhaps volunteers can help out with the better book keeping. When plants are split they are used for other islands/plots. DPW takes care of delivering mulch. Volunteers receive various amounts ,depending on what is needed. Merchants in the harbor, Green Bush and North Scituate receive \$50 per lot, any amount over this is funded by the merchant.

**D. I.T-WEB:** Deb will check with TH for beautification e-mail password. Both she and Mary Anne will have an account. No other members are interested in having an BC account. Deb will start Facebook Activity ASAP.

**E. MERCHANT PROGRAM :** tabled until March meeting. One of the Commissioners will try to attend the next Merchant Meeting.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Library Patio:** Leslie has stayed informed about this project. It was noted that the original garden plans did not include a patio, only a garden. This project is out of the realm for the BC.

**B. Public Areas down the Driftway:** A list of sites , raising awareness ,was shared. These projects are out of the realm of the BC.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FLOWER VENDOR:**We do not need a Flower Vendor Comparison: we have excellent plants and excellent prices.

**B. GOLF COURSE** Consultation request: interested Commissioners are encouraged to join a meeting with the Golf Course Committee. Mary Anne, Sytske and Kathy expressed interest.

**C. PLANT SCITUATE:** Mary Tennaro offered a motion to continue PLANT SCITUATE, seconded by Laurie and unanimously accepted.

**D. SHIP SHAPE DAY:** A request from Donna to "train" a Commissioner to take over SHIP SHAPE DAY next year. A suggestion to have several people share this commitment was made, as well as possibly combining Plant Scituate with Ship Shape Day

**E. MERCHANT COORDINATOR** is tabled until February Meeting

**F. MARCH MEETING:** No Speaker

**D. MARCH MEETING DATE:** March 17, 7:00 pm. at the Public Library

**VII. MINUTES:** A Motion to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes was made by L.Hall, seconded S Humphrey and carried unanimously.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:50 pm, a Motion to adjourn was made by S Humphrey and seconded by L.Dienel and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sytske Humphrey (Secretary)