

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Minutes from Meeting February 16, 2021
via Zoom

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Present were K. Desler, L. Dienel, L. Hall, S. Humphrey, H. Kimball, M.A. Palleiko, L. Powers, K. McCormack, M. Tennaro. Absent was D. Barbary. Guests were Marla Minier (President Scituate Garden Club), Seth Pfeiffer and Briana (Town of Scituate - technological assistance).

II. Approval of Minutes (November 17, 2020)

Motion: M. Tennaro made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting. K. McCormack seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. Collaboration requests from M. Minier

1. M. Minier indicated that Garlic Mustard is an invasive weed that has become a real concern in the area. She suggested that perhaps there could be collaboration of collection on Ship Shape Day. Concern was expressed over usage of different bags and the probable move of the day to the Fall. It was also decided that the public needs to be further educated on the topic before involvement in the efforts to control the spread. *Motion:* K. McCormack motioned to support the Scituate Garden Club in educating the public and in eradicating Garlic Mustard. K. McCormack also offered to be the liaison. K. Desler seconded the motion. All were in favor.
2. M. Minier requested that the Commission obtain permission from DPW to weed the Liriope at the Library. The Commission, Garden Club and the Library Board are all concerned about its current condition. There was discussion over whether a landscaper should tend to the area or if the Commission and Garden Club could join forces to clean it up. S. Humphrey will ask Maura Curran what she thinks is the best approach.
3. M. Minier requested that the three town post offices and the library be included in the Merchant Voucher program. The Garden Club would continue to plant the window boxes/urns. The Garden Club has a budget line item to cover these costs, but it always runs over and personal finances are used. *Motion:* L. Hall motioned to give four vouchers to the Garden Club to be used at the three town post offices and the library. M. Tennaro seconded the motion. All were in favor.

IV. Standing Reports

A. Treasurer –

1. L. Dienel reported that payment to Bill Morse and the Fall mums were the only expenses so far this year. The standing balance is \$19,681, of which about \$3,300 will be paid to B. Morse soon leaving around \$16,300 for the rest of the year. She also stated that the Commission received three donations totaling \$1,375 which would be allocated to the trust fund.
2. The bidding process for the RR traffic islands was discussed. It will be taking place in the next couple of months.
3. S. Humphrey noted that she sent thank you notes to the donors and also thanked L. Daniel for all of her efforts at town meetings over the last couple of months.

B. Railroad Crossing Islands – K. McCormack will be taking a closer look at the islands once we get closer to Spring. There was mention of possibly adding some evergreens and grasses. *Motion:* S. Humphrey motioned to allow the Commission to spend up to \$2,000 on new materials. L. Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

C. Adopt a Lot Program –

1. It was reported that Doug Litchfield was not ready to give up his island on the Driftway.
2. M. Tennaro mentioned that there are two volunteers leaving their AaLs who will need to be replaced.
3. L. Powers will be looking in to curb your dog signs for the heavily trafficked areas in the harbor.

D. IT/Website Manager – D. Barbary was absent. S. Humphrey reported that D. Barbary is looking in to adding a QR sticker to existing Commission signs and whether the volunteer video from Selectboard Member Andrew Goodrich can be added to the Commission's Facebook page.

E. E. Merchant Coordinator – L. Powers has prepared letters detailing the Merchant Program to all of the harbor merchants.

F. Plant Scituate - L. Hall mentioned that Kennedy's and R&C ran out of Marigolds last year. L. Dienel offered to contact Ronnie to discuss

program needs and whether he could be the main supplier. The program will start the week after Mother's Day. The large flowers will be placed in front of the town hall and it will be encouraged to make this a family project.

V. Old Business

- A. All Commission members are interested in being involved with the tree plantings at Cole Parkway. Before committing to funding a tree, S. Humphrey will inquire about what type of trees are being planted, what is the cost, and how the trees are being maintained.
- B. After some preliminary research, L. Hall reported that if we print about 50 Volunteer t-shirts, each will cost about \$10. Fewer colors and printing on one side keep costs down. Right now, lead time is about two weeks. A preliminary design was reviewed. Members liked the floral graphic, but agreed that Volunteer should be on the back. L. Hall will look in to the cost to make this change. Other members mentioned that they would look in to other t-shirt ideas and suppliers as well.
- C. M. Tennaro reported that the owner of Joye, Nancy Levanchy, is discouraged by the lack of cohesiveness and decline in quaintness in the Harbor. N. Levanchy is sending a letter to the other merchants to solicit interest on joining forces to do something. She reached out to the Commission to see if we could help. Ideas discussed included giving a \$150 voucher to merchants instead of \$50 so that mums could be bought in the Fall and wreaths for the Holidays, how to coordinate D. Litchfield's contributions, and the creation of pocket gardens. It was agreed that a sub-committee needed to be formed. M. Palleiko, M. Tennaro and L. Powers volunteered to start it.
- D. The annual special project was discussed. After reviewing some preliminary ideas from last meeting, the possibilities were narrowed down to the Harbor or the Health building at the Town Hall campus. It was decided to hold off on the vote until next meeting so that the Harbor sub-committee could come up with some ideas.

VI. New Business

As the meeting was running well behind schedule, it was decided to save sharing of minutes from the board or other commissions until the next meeting.

VII. Notes

S. Humphrey asked all members to verify whether they need to update their ethics training status.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: S. Humphrey made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 PM. Seconded by Laurie Hall. All in favor. The next meeting will be March 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kimball