

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

via "gotomeet" video/audio

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm. Present were M. Tennaro, L. Dienel, K. McCormack, S. Humphrey, L. Hall, L. Powers, K.Desler, D. Barbary
Absent: M.A. Palleiko
Guests: Heidi Kimball, Lynn Voelker

II. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Leslie Powers was welcomed to the Commission

III. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2020-2021**

President - Sytske Humphrey

Treasurer - Leslie Dienel

IT/Web - Deb Barbary

Adopt a Lots - Mary Tennaro

RRxings - Kathy McCormack, Leslie Dienel

Plant Scituate - Laurie Hall, Chair

Merchants Program - TBD (possibly Leslie Powers)

Recording Secretary - TBD

A motion to accept the slate of officers was made by K.McCormack and seconded by L.Hall. All in favor.

IV. **STANDING REPORTS**

A. Treasurer

Operating budget for 2020 was \$23,650.00

Sub-total spent was \$20,808.62

Remaining balance returned to town was \$2,841.38

Balance for 2021 is \$22,800

Beautification Trust Fund stands at \$6,939.34

B. Railroad Crossing Islands

K.McCormack and L.Dienel reported that the islands look as good as can be expected in the drought situation and with no intern from the DPW to water this year.

C. Merchant Coordinators

46 Merchants participated this year, down from previous years because many stores were closed due to COVID 19.

C. Adopt-a-Lot Program

M.Tennaro reported that the 24 lots were well taken care of by the 30 caretakers this season but it was difficult with the drought. She proposed that the Commission allot funds for fall Mums to be offered to the caretakers. She also lauded the article in the Mariner about the Adopt-a-lot program written by Ruth Thompson.

D. IT/Website Manager

D. Barbary reported that she will post the Mariner article on Facebook and will update the BC member list on our website.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Review Budget Goals for FY 2020-21

The Commission discussed how the pandemic will affect the BC in the coming year. It will present many challenges in all areas, preventing many of the goals set out by the Commission.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Propose Goals for 2020-21

Sytske will send out an updated list of goals that were discussed at the meeting.

B. Fall Planting Project

After a discussion about offering mums from R&C Farms to the Adopt-a-Lot caretakers, the commission decided this would be a good idea for this year. M.Tennaro will contact all caretakers to see who is interested .

A motion was made by L.Hall to spend no more than \$500 on fall plantings for the Adopt-a-lots. Seconded by D.Barbary. All in favor.

VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES -** May and June 2020 meetings

MOTION: M.Tennaro made a motion to approve the minutes of the May and June meetings. S. Humphrey seconded the motion. All in favor.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: L.Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Seconded by M.Tennaro. All in favor. The next meeting will be October 20th.

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