

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Minutes from Meeting November 16, 2021
Scituate Town Library – Large Conference Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM. Present were S. Casey, K. Desler, L. Dienel, S. Humphrey, H. Kimball, L. Powers, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, and M. Tennaro. Absent was J. Veiga.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: S. Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting. Seconded by S. Humphrey. All were in favor.

III. Standing Reports

- A. Treasurer – L. Dienel reported that the only expenses so far this year were \$2,600 maintenance for the RRX (railroad crossings) and CMI (commission maintained islands), and \$395 for Adopt a Lot mums.
- B. Railroad Crossing Islands – After discussion of maintenance at the 3A & First Parish Road island, K. McCormack reviewed the many other islands maintained by the commission.
- C. Adopt a Lot Program – M. Tennaro reported that the total cost for Adopt a Lot mums was \$395 (\$500 projected). She also proposed that the Maritime Center garden and the small garden at the bottom of the hill in front of the Library become Adopt a Lots. The Harbor Master garden was also discussed.
- D. IT/Website Manager – S. Casey requested a list of all Adopt a Lots and volunteers with the goal of adding photos to social media. She also mentioned that she would like to add photos of native species to the list currently on the SBC town website. S. Humphrey may have a list of species and photos that she can forward.
- E. Merchant Coordinator – L. Powers is hoping to get a list of e-mail addresses from the Front Street Merchants group, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Commission in order to alert merchants to the merchant coupon program ahead of time.
- F. Planning Department Liason – M. Palleiko has volunteered to gather information on various building developments around town in hopes of

providing support from the SBC. All members are asked to forward any subsequent information to her.

IV. Old Business

- A. *Motion:* K. McCormack moved to approve the FY23 Budget Request. M. Palleiko seconded. All were in favor.

- B. L. Diemel, M. Tennaro and S. Humphrey met with Library representatives J. Finnie and G. Ayers to discuss possible involvement on garden planning. In summary: The SBC is recommending that the small garden at the bottom of the hill in front of the library becomes an Adopt a Lot. The SBC is interested in providing funds to clean out and mulch the large garden on the hill overgrown with weeds. And, the SBC recommends calling upon landscape architect Ben Bornstein to help with further development of this area. No further action will be taken until the Library Trustee meeting in December. In addition, S. Humphrey mentioned that G. Ayers will be drafting a letter, which any interested Town Boards can sign, expressing concern over lack of maintenance on many Town owned properties.

V. New Business

- A. Ideas for 2022 special projects were discussed including supporting the Library's garden development, painting the Town Hall, reconstructing the garden in the middle of North Scituate Village (across from site of Jamie's), fencing around dumpsters, and trees on Front Street.

- B. S. Humphrey mentioned that commission members were needed to attend the Town budget review meetings on Jan 4th and Jan 6th. It is also hoped that lack of town maintenance could be discussed as well.

- C. Commission members will meet at the Town Hall on Sat. December 4th 10 AM to decorate for the Holidays. Please bring greens, holly, etc.

- D. *Motion:* S. Humphrey made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 on annuals for RRX and CMI. M. Palleiko seconded. All were in favor.

VI. Notes

S.Humphrey thanked everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: M. Tennaro made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM. Seconded by S. Casey. All were in favor. The next scheduled meeting will be February 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kimball