

## **SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

Minutes from Meeting November 8, 2022 Scituate Town Library – Small Conference Room

### **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Present were L. Dienel, S. Humphrey, H. Kimball, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, M. Tennaro, J. Voelger and Friends of North Scituate Village representatives Susi Hofmeister, Kate Logan, and Marianne Coates. Absent were S. Casey, L. Powers, and J. Veiga.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion:* M. Tennaro made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022. M. Palleiko seconded. All were in favor.

### **III. Standing Reports**

1. Treasurer – L. Dienel reported that the remaining budget left to spend was \$21,355 minus \$476 for the recent cost of bulbs, and that a budget of \$32,500 was recently approved for fiscal year 2024. The Scituate Beautification Commission (SBC) tax exempt number was handed out to members.
2. Railroad Crossing Islands – K. McCormack stated that the islands were still mostly green and that Petunias were still in bloom. *Motion:* H. Kimball made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for Petunias on the islands next year. J. Voelger seconded. All were in favor.
3. Adopt-a-Lot (AaL) Program – M. Tennaro mentioned that the bulbs had arrived. There are 7 different varieties and 650 in total. Planting started that day and will continue through the week. M. Tennaro also mentioned that the mums are still looking good.
4. Publicity – S. Humphrey reported that S. Casey had started an SBC Instagram account. She asked members to send her pictures including ones of bulbs being planted.

### **IV. Old Business**

There was a discussion about the tree planting on the Common in honor of the SHS Class of 2001. The tree was planted today. It is a White Spruce native to the area - currently 6 ft tall with a maximum of 30 ft by 7 ft wide. The tree cost \$420 and labor was \$600. The High School class donation of \$1,000 did not completely cover the overall costs. The in-honor plaque cost of \$362 will be funded by the SBC trust fund.

### **V. New Business**

1. S. Hofmeister summarized the Friends of North Scituate Village (FONSV) refurbishment and revitalization of the historic N. Scituate train canopy which began in 2019. Unfortunately, the pandemic put a lot of work on hold and significantly increased the costs. An increase in the size of the concrete flooring, electrical work, and installation of the wooden plank ceiling are completed. FONSV has applied for additional funding from the Scituate Community Preservation Committee for lighting, benches, tables, and trash cans. They also

hope to add attractive signage indicating the canopy's historical significance and a map pointing out areas of interest. They would also like to install fresh gravel, planters, and flowers to the border area some of which could be funded by the SBC. *Motion:* M. Palleiko made a motion for the SBC to consider the possibility of supporting this project once a more specific cost is known. K. McCormack seconded. All were in favor.

2. S. Humphrey reviewed the SBC Charter in relation to the front slope at the town library. There is the potential for the SBC to present a landscaping plan to the Select Board. The patio and new AaL have just been completed by Northern Oaks. It may be a good time to finish all the landscaping in front of the library.
3. S. Humphrey mentioned that she is waiting to hear whether there is the potential for the SBC to fund a new bulletin board at the Town Hall.
4. L. Dienel discussed the potential for an SBC storage shed to be built by a vocational technical group of students on town property. The Commission is third on a waiting list. Location, cost, and timing TBD.
5. There was a discussion about Holiday decorations. S. Humphrey will inquire as to whether it is safe to put a holiday tree on the gazebo in the harbor again this year. If so, Northern Oaks will be asked to install as they did last year.

## **VI. Notes**

The SBC will decorate the Town Hall and the tree on the Common on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 10AM.

## **VII. Adjournment**

*Motion:* H. Kimball made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Seconded by M. Tennaro. All were in favor. The next scheduled meeting is February 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kimball