

**SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION - Minutes October 17, 2023 Scituate Town Library – Large Conference Room**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM. Present were S. Casey, L. Dienel, S. Humphrey, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, M. Tennaro, JM.Voelger. Absent. L. Powers

\*Kelly Bower officially resigned from the commission in September, 2023.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion:* S. Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, of the September 26, 2023 meeting. Seconded by M. Tennaro. All were in favor.

**III. STANDING REPORTS:**

**Treasurer** - L. Dienel reported that there was approximately \$22,272.12 in the 2024 budget. Beautification Trust Fund total is 8,777.16

Discussion regarding future gifts and donations and how we will process requests. SBC will establish rules/policies for donations, memorials, etc.

**Railroad Crossing Islands** – L. Dienel and K. McCormack will have a conversation with Northern Oaks regarding weeding, water and fertilizing of railroad crossings and traffic circles.

**Adopt-a-Lot (AaL) Program –**

1.The commission discussed the Anchor (memorial) garden at Cole Parkway and whether or not it would become an AaL garden. JM. Voelger had a conversation with the family who agreed to let the SBC take on the space as an AaL garden. A motion was made by S. Casey to add the Anchor garden to the AaL program, seconded by MA. Palleiko. All in favor

**Social Media** – S. Casey reported that the Instagram page continues to increase its followers. She will also work with S. Humphrey to support Google share for ease in editing and communication.

**Merchant Coordinator** – L. Powers was absent from the meeting. Moved to discuss in November.

**IV. Old Business**

SBC is no longer needed to support the implementation of an art mural downtown.

No Scituate canopy update. JMV will meet with Friends of N Scituate to discuss the status of the project.

**V. New Business**

Discussion of whether or not a new dwarf tree or a different type of tree will be planted at Lawson Common and where it will be placed. A group will go to LC in the spring along with Dr Caroline Moody to evaluate the area.

JMV wants the SBC to look at 2 pocket parks in No Scituate for possible project to focus on in 2024

**VIII. Adjournment**

*Motion-* S. Humphrey made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Seconded by S. Casey All were in favor. The next scheduled meeting will be November 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, S. Casey, *Secretary*