

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Minutes from Meeting September 15, 2021
Scituate Maritime Center

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM. Present were K. Desler, L. Dienel, S. Humphrey, L. Powers, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, and M. Tennaro. Absent were H. Kimball, J. Veigas and S. Casey.

II. Meet and Greet

Members present enjoyed their summer responsibilities and reported excellent conditions for successful plantings at the XX islands and adopt-a-lots thanks to the plentiful rain. The new maintenance company keeps the weeds under control; some of the XX islands lost pink petunias; and Steve will replace a hydrangea.

Topics for future goals were brought forward and will be discussed at our Fall meetings when we begin the planning process for FY 2022-2023.

1. Understanding the process for the maintenance of town properties such as the library; senior center; town hall etc. It is not possible to maintain these areas with volunteers. The commission will invite Mike Breen to our October meeting to get his input on how to proceed.
2. The library garden is again overgrown with weeds. This garden never received proper soil, instead it was covered with fill material. Recommendations, to be discussed at our fall meetings, would be to remove all present plantings; replace the current fill with soil and start over. In addition to consulting with DPW's Mike Breen there will be questions about funding ; pricing; how would the library foundation/board like to proceed? Most of all how and/or who will maintain the gardens?
3. During the winter holiday season the Commission may want to investigate the possibility to put a spotlight on the welcome Scituate sign and put up holiday trees with lights at the harbor plot; the new harbor masters platform and the entrance to the Cole Parkway. Again, we should consult with Mike Breen and Front Street Merchants.
4. We should rethink the plantings of the XX islands and perhaps include Dusty Miller.
5. Recommendation to paint Town Hall is entering its 4th year.

Kathy shared some notes from SBC meetings in the past:

Highlights:

In **1985** Lawson Common was closed due to standing water and concern about infectious diseases.

In **1991** a Front Street Funding Commission was established to beautify Front Street!

On a more personal note there were many mentions of gardening, minding grand dogs and grand children ; we enjoyed the tale of the Kathy's 15 year old grandson : the terrific tuna catching teenager :

[Wicked Tuna! Massachusetts teens catch 455 pounder](https://www.bostonherald.com/2021/08/04/wicked-t...)

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III. Adjournment,

Motion: S. Humphrey made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 PM. Seconded by M. Palleiko. All in favor. The next scheduled meeting will be September 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, S. Humphrey

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