

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Minutes from Meeting October 19, 2021
Scituate Town Library – Large Conference Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Present were S. Casey, K. Desler, L. Dienel, S. Humphrey, H. Kimball, L. Powers, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, and M. Tennaro. Special guests included Jessi Finnie (Scituate Library Director) and Kevin Carlton (Chair Scituate Library Trustees). Absent was Jorge Veiga.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: M. Tennaro made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting. Seconded by K. McCormack. All were in favor.

III. Standing Reports

- A. Treasurer – L. Dienel reported that YTD expenses have included \$1,300 both July & August for regular railroad crossing contracted maintenance. Future encumbrances, including approximately \$500 for Adopt a Lot mums, will leave approximately \$15,000 to spend for the remainder of the year.
- B. Railroad Crossing Islands – K. McCormack reported that the railroad crossing islands were still looking good, primarily due to the heavy rainfall this summer.
- C. Adopt a Lot Program – M. Tennaro reported that the gardens at the Harbor Master and the Maritime Center, along with a few others, may be added to the Adopt a Lot program this year.
- D. IT/Website Manager – S. Casey has taken over this roll and has had a meeting at the Town Hall for training.
- E. Merchant Coordinator – L. Powers reported that she is working on the merchant letter draft for next season.

IV. Old Business

- A. Library Garden

1. S. Humphrey gave a summary of the condition of the gardens at the front of the Scituate Library. Despite several attempts by the Commission and Scituate Garden Club volunteers to eradicate weeds, the garden has become impossible to maintain. The Department of Public Works only has limited funds for maintenance and can't contribute to gardening and weeding. J. Finnie and K. Carlton indicated that the Library does not have funds or volunteers as of now to fix this problem and has asked for the Commission's help in moving forward. L. Dienel received two quotes from Northern Oak: \$9,700 to pull out existing plantings and replace with all new, and \$1,800 to pull out and mulch.
2. The Commission would like to support the Library in either guidance and/or funds. S. Humphrey and L. Dienel will continue communications with J. Finnie as it is determined what is possible.

B. Miscellaneous Projects

1. It was decided that the common at Common Street is beautiful and appropriate as is and does not need additional plantings.
2. The Town Hall had been mulched this season and does not need it again. And, it was decided that it was not the Commission's responsibility at this time to coordinate mulching at the Public Safety Complex.
3. A suggestion was made for J. Veiga to work with the Historical Society separately from the Commission on the enhancement of the Grist Mill Path.
4. M. Palleiko mentioned that Ellen at the Harbor Master office indicated that they are thinking of doing a lobster pot Christmas Tree this year.

V. New Business

- A. After a 2022/2023 budget review, it was decided that the following items would be added to goals for the year: Collaborating with the Library on enhancing the beauty of the front gardens, improving plant materials at the railroad crossings, enhancing North Scituate's gardens, and increasing the number of Adopt a Lots.
- B. After reviewing the goals for 2022/2023, it was also decided that S. Casey would work with the newspaper to increase awareness of the Adopt a Lots in hopes of attracting more volunteers. And, M. Palleiko hopes to participate in the Planning Department meetings in anticipation

of finding areas of collaboration for keeping pedestrian areas within new developments attractive.

VI. Notes

H. Kimball will forward the Facebook long in credentials to S. Casey.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: S. Humphrey made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Seconded by M. Tennaro. All in favor. The next scheduled meeting will be November 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kimball