

# SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES FROM MEETING

APRIL 18, 2017

WPA Building

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.  
In attendance: D.Bangert, M.Tennaro, A. Steele, K.McCormack, M.A. Palleiko,  
L. Hall, J.McLaughlin and L.Dienel Absent: A.McVeigh
- II. STANDING REPORTS
  - A. Treasurer  
The current Budget Balance stands at \$10,427.58. The BC Trust Fund has a balance of \$5,622.94. Encumbered funds from 2016 stand at \$1,238.00
  - B. IT/Web Manager  
No report at this time.
  - C. Railroad Crossing Islands  
K.McCormack reported that the islands have already been mulched and so it's hard to know what, if anything, has to be replaced. There was discussion about purchasing Dusty Miller for full year garden interest or possibly planting evergreens along with perennials and annuals. More discussion will follow after the cost of such a project is investigated.
  - D. Adopt-a-Lot Program  
D.Bangert announced that the garden across from Ronnie Shone's should not be tended this year as the town works out the traffic light situation at that intersection. She also mentioned that she received an email from a member of the high school Interact Club, asking about the AaL at the sign on 3A that the club took care of two years ago. M.Tennaro will get in touch with the club members after the spring break.
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. FT 2017 Budget Update  
D.Bangert reported that the Board of Selectmen voted to support our budget request increase of \$1000 and were very supportive of the efforts of the BC.
  - B. Rainwater Collection  
A.Steele spoke with Charlie Pare of the Smart Tank Company to get more information about their product, in hopes of finding a way to use rain water during times of drought. He told her it would make sense to pursue this because Scituate has one of the top 5 water bills in the state. Average rainfall is 30 to 42" per year and on a 1250 sq. ft. roof, 1" of rain = 700 gallons of water. The average tank purchase payback is approximately 4 years. The tanks have a lifespan of 25 years and the water in the tanks does not have to be treated. He is willing to come to a BC meeting and discuss this with the members.
  - C. Ship Shape Day 50th Event  
D.Bangert presented an overall picture of what this year's 50th celebration will include. There will be prizes and ribbons for the poster contest winners, whose work will hang in

Town Hall and eventually hang in the new library with all the posters done by students in grades K-12. Donuts, coffee, and lemonade will be available to those who arrive to get their trash and recycling bags, and later (11-1:00) Nona's ice cream truck will arrive to provide ice cream. Members of the high school Environmental Club will be on hand to help where needed. D.Bangert announced that with the many donations we were able to secure, the BC stayed within our estimated \$500 budget for SSD, and will receive \$500 from the town to help pay the expenses.

MOTION: A.Steele made a motion to award a newly purchased grabber to each 1st place winner of the poster contest in grades K-8 in addition to the donated prizes. Seconded by J.McLaughlin. All in favor. Motion passed.

D. Library Adopt-a-Lot

D.Bangert spoke with the library director and it was decided to wait until the landscapers complete their assigned work before we try to assess where the AaL will be located and how much of an area will be available.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. R&C Farm Price List

D.Bangert reported that there will be no increase in the price of plants for this year.

B. Recruitment

D.Bangert announced that at the moment no new islands need caretakers.

C. Other

The Scituate Water Commissioners recently enacted important measures designed to conserve our water resources, which means between May 1 and September 30 all outdoor watering must occur before 9am and after 5pm.

V. CHAIR NOTES

The Scituate Garden Club will hold their plant sale at the Mann House on May 20.

VI. MINUTES -March 2017

MOTION: J.McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by K.McCormack. All in favor.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: K.McCormack made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm. Seconded by L.Hall. All in favor. The next meeting will be in May 16, 2017.

Minutes approved\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted, Mary Tennaro

