

# SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES FROM MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

SCITUATE TOWN LIBRARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.  
In attendance: D. Bangert, L. Hall, M. Tennaro, K. McCormack, A. Steele, M. Palleiko, C. DiPesa. Absent: L. Dienel, A. McVeigh, D. Litchfield, R. Brooke, J. McLaughlin.
- II. STANDING REPORTS
  - A. Treasurer - Members received copies of the Report on Spending, Budget, and Commitments FY18 (months ending 11-31-17 & 12-31-17.)
  - B. Railroad Crossing Islands - Kathy presented the Bartlett proposal dated August 2016 in the amount of \$500, with service to include treatment for soil nutrition and infestation. Kathy reported that the gardens did well last summer (2017) with no treatment from Bartlett. The decision was made to not act on this proposal at this time. A discussion followed regarding the testing of the soil in these gardens.  
MOTION: K. McCormack made a motion to sample the soil in all Railroad Crossing Islands, combining the soil for each area and resulting in a total of 7 samples. K. McCormack and D. Bangert will take the samples and submit them for analysis.  
Seconded by A. Steele. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.
  - C. IT/Web Manager - Donna reported that there has been no Facebook posting since the fall. Anne will continue to post content that is sent to her by members.
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Budget Process Update - Donna reported that the Beautification Commission proposed a 10% increase for FY19. The Town Administrator granted a budget increase of \$1150 (\$22,650 operating budget). The increase will be presented to the Advisory Board, followed by a Board of Selectman review and a Town Meeting vote.
  - B. Donna reported that DPW Director Kevin Cafferty denied the Commission's request to include in the budget the installation of a rainwater collection tank and the maintenance of town trees.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Caretaker Recognition - As follow-up to a suggestion made by Doug in November, there was a discussion regarding ways in which Adopt a Lot volunteers could be recognized by the Commission. In lieu of an event, the

giving of gardening gloves, t-shirts or safety vests was suggested. Donna will further investigate these ideas.

B. North Scituate 3A Project - It was discussed that a member needs to take charge of this project. There was discussion regarding garden design, planting, and maintenance. Carolyn will research the cost of signage and Donna will investigate necessary permission for signage.

C. Other - Bids will be put out for landscaping of the RR Crossing Islands that includes compost (as opposed to mulch) as well as an additional pruning in July.

MOTION: A. Steele made a motion to continue to offer mulch and bagged compost to all AaL caretakers this year. Seconded by K. McCormack. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Donna announced the annual Science Spectacular at SHS on April 5th. No members expressed an interest in participating this year.

V. CHAIR NOTES - The Cole Parkway docks were stacked away from gardens this year. Dates were announced for the Boston Flower Show (March 14-18) and the MFA Art in Bloom (April 28-30).

#### VI. MINUTES

MOTION: A. Steele made a motion to approved the minutes of the 11-14-17 meeting as amended. Seconded by M. Tennaro. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2018.

MOTION: K. McCormack made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by C. DiPesa. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Hall