

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

WPA Building

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
In attendance: D.Bangert, M.Tennaro, M.A.Palleiko, L.Dienel, A. Steele, K.McCormack and Laurie Hall. Absent: J.McLaughlin, 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**
Postings on Facebook have been suspended until the spring.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Budget Process Update**
D.Bangert reported that the BC budget request will be discussed at an Advisory Board meeting on March 2 and a Selectmen meeting on March 7. BC members were encouraged to attend.
 - B. **Education Outreach Update**
M.Tennaro reported that Donna Moffat, the STEM coordinator, has been in touch and anti-litter material has been distributed to the 5th graders who are actively integrating pollution and litter instruction into their curriculum. She will continue to keep the BC advised as we get closer to Ship Shape Day.
 - C. **Ship Shape Day Event**
The BC commissioners brainstormed ideas for the upcoming 50th year celebration of SSD based on the theme of "Thank You" to the community for their efforts in keeping Scituate litter- free. Discussion included thoughts about food, prizes, raffle tickets, and a slogan. It was decided that these ideas would be further investigated by a sub-committee (D.Bangert, K.McCormack and L.Hall) who would report back at the next meeting. A.Steele reported that 10 new 32"grabbers were purchased for \$155.55 from the SSD Fund leaving \$179.50 in the account to be used for other SSD expenses.
 - D. **Other**
D.Bangert thanked A.McVeigh for the outstanding job she did putting together the first ever Newsletter and also thanked those at Town Hall who helped with the printing and postage.
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Prepare for Summer Drought**
The commission discussed possible solutions if Scituate faces another drought. A.Steele suggested using rain barrels to collect run off from the roofs of buildings. She

will speak with Chris Kennedy to see what his garden center did last year to save water.

B. Expand Plant Options

The members discussed the possibility of having Adopt-a-Lot caretakers plant perennials that would bloom for a longer season rather than just annuals that bloom only in the summer and do not return the following year. This change could effect the timing of purchase and planting of flowers and so further discussion is needed.

MOTION: L.Hall made a motion to contact the caretakers regarding offering a wider range of perennials for early or late season interest in their Adopt-a-Lots.

Seconded by A.Steele. All in favor.

C. Calendar for 2017

April 29 is Ship Shape Day

May 11 -vouchers go out

May 17 -AaL approvals go out

May 29 -AaLs to be planted

D. Other

K.McCormack reported that Bartlett spraying would not be necessary this year.

V. CHAIR NOTES

No chair notes.

VI. MINUTES - November 2016

MOTION: A.Steele made a motion to approve the minutes as recorded. Seconded by M.A.Palleiko. All in favor.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: L.Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Seconded by A.Steele. All in favor. The next meeting will be in March 21, 2017.

Minutes approved____

Respectfully submitted, Mary Tennaro

