

# SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES FROM MEETING

JUNE 19, 2018

SCITUATE TOWN LIBRARY

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.  
In attendance: D. Bangert, L. Hall, K. McCormack, L. Dienel, A. Steele, C. Dipesa, and M. Palleiko.  
Absent: D. Litchfield, A. McVeigh, M. Tennaro, J. McLaughlin, R. Brooke.
- II. STANDING REPORTS
  - A. Railroad Crossing Islands  
K. McCormack reported: the results of soil testing were passed on to Bill Morse. He will adjust fertilizing due to a finding of low potassium. In early May, Kathy and Leslie concentrated on their evaluation of the islands at Beaver Dam and First Parish Roads. A total of 230 plants, purchased at a wholesale price at Sylvan's, were picked up and planted by Morse Landscaping.
  - B. Merchant Program  
A. Steele & M. Palleiko reported: A total of 67 merchants accepted vouchers totaling \$3350. The geographic breakdown of merchants was as follows: Scituate Harbor 40, North Scituate 21, and Greenbush 6.
  - C. Adopt-a-Lots  
D. Bangert reported: On May 15th, 22 plant approval forms were sent out to caretakers. The caretakers of the gardens at Egypt Beach and the High School entrance sign decided not to purchase plant material. Adopt-a-Lots currently in bloom now total 20. There is a new caretaker at the Elephant Fountain who is an avid gardener. Donna also reported that the Town Pier garden received welcome publicity in the Scituate Mariner's Around Town, and that the issue of the poorly performing knockout roses in that garden will be addressed in the fall. The Bridge flower boxes in the harbor were repaired and repainted. Donna has learned of one complaint regarding excessive plant height on the island garden at Route 3A and First Parish Road, and she has made a request to the DPW to cut them back. In conclusion, Donna reported that the islands all over town look terrific. She encouraged Commission members to provide positive feedback to caretakers whenever possible.
  - D. IT-Web Manager  
D. Bangert reported: Anne is requesting that photos for posting be sent to her as often as possible.

E. Treasurer - Year End Total

C. DiPesa distributed copies of the financial report for month end May, 2018. she noted that bills pending are not accounted for in this report. The budget balance available is \$1724.82.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ship Shape Day Report

D. Bangert reported: A total of 650 people signed in at Town Hall on Ship Shape Day. Social groups, college students, neighborhoods and families participated, with a marked increase in participation by millennials, and it was estimated that close to 800 people contributed to the clean up. Green bags used totaled 1200 (and it was noted that the bags and gloves need to be restocked by next yr.) Over a three week period, the Town of Scituate picked up over 20 tons of debris left by the roadside. Donna offered many thanks for a very successful Ship Shape Day.

B. Caretaker Recognition Proposal

Donna led a follow up discussion on proposed signs to be placed in Adopt-a-Lots. Donna presented her research into the matter: Green bordered signs, created by the same company who made the existing "Beautification Commission" garden signs, will cost \$20.40 each with caretaker names, or \$11.40 each with no names. A discussion followed, with members in attendance offering alternative ideas. It was agreed that this new sign should be mounted beneath the existing sign at the garden site.

MOTION: A. Steele made a motion to purchase 10 AaL caretaker signs, to include the name(s) of caretakers who requested a sign, for a total expenditure not to exceed \$300. Seconded by K. McCormack. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

C. HTB-3A Clean Up Proposal

Donna asked Carolyn to provide photographs of similar areas in other towns which portray her vision of an enhanced entrance to North Scituate from Route 3A. Carolyn will also follow up with the Economic Development Commission.

D. Verizon Boxes Proposal

Carolyn reported that she has determined that the electric company owns the land on HTB on which the box sits. She has spoken with Michele in the Selectman's office, and Michele will gather additional information regarding the site's clean up and planting.

E. Other

1. Donna presented her research into the purchase of safety vests and cones for use by AaL caretakers, followed by a brief discussion.

MOTION: K. McCormack made a motion to purchase 4 safety vests and 4 safety cones, for a total of \$138.03. Seconded by A. Steele. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Donna proposed the purchase of bags for Ship Shape Day 2019, followed by a discussion.

MOTION: M. Palleiko made a motion to purchase 20 cases of green bags for Ship Shape Day, for a total cost of \$800. plus shipping. Seconded by C. DiPesa. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Other Proposals for Projects

None were presented.

##### B. Membership Changes

Donna reported that the current membership will continue next year. Donna asked members present if they are willing to continue in their present roles. Laurie requested that another member assume the role of recording secretary beginning at the next meeting in September.

##### C. Other

No other new business was presented.

#### V. NOTES

Donna invited members to attend "Build a Resilient Scituate", presented by the Town of Scituate and the Coastal Advisory Commission, on July 17th.

#### VI. MINUTES

MOTION: A. Steele made a motion to approve the minutes of April and May as amended. Seconded by K. McCormack. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: C. DiPesa made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by K. McCormack. All voted in favor, and the motion carried at 8:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Hall

