

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM MEETING

MAY 16, 2017

Scituate Maritime Center

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.
In attendance: D.Bangert, M.Tennaro, A. Steele, K.McCormack, M.A. Palleiko, J.McLaughlin, L.Dienel, L.Hall and 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**

A. McVeigh reported that now that things are blooming, it's time to start taking pictures around town to post on our Facebook page.
 - C. **Merchant Program**

A. Steele gave out BC vouchers to 87 merchants in the Harbor and 47 in North Scituate. The vouchers are to be used to purchase flowers and are valid from May 15-June 15.
 - D. **Railroad Crossing Islands**

L.Dienel and K.McCormack checked out the current condition of the islands and recommended new plantings to fill in gaps in the First Parish and Beaver Dam islands. After a lengthy discussion regarding the best replacements for the lost plants, it was decided to get prices from local vendors for plants. In the fall we will consider adding Junipers.
 - E. **Adopt-a-Lots**
 - a. **Clarification of water restrictions**

D.Bangert reported that only irrigation systems, and not all outside watering, must be restricted to before 9:00am or after 5:00pm.
 - b. **HS Interact Club**

M.Tennaro contacted David Juliano, president of the Interact Club, to discuss their participation as caretakers for the AaL by the HS sign that they took care of two years ago. David said that a commitment to water and weed during the summer months was not feasible for the mostly senior club members. D.Bangert mentioned that the AaL at the First Parish school entrance will be dismantled to alleviate traffic flow and it is possible that the caretaker for that island could take over the one by the sign.
 - c. **Morse AaL Requests**

D.Bangert reported that Bill Morse has made a request to purchase a new Hydrangea for the St. Mary's island and a new Juniper for the island at Maria's. Since no cost estimate was received and watering new plantings in that island is uncertain, no action was taken.
 - d. **Fertilizer for AaLs**

The board members discussed the merits of purchasing *Plant Magic* for the caretakers to use in their islands. The company is local and the product has shown very successful results.

MOTION: L.Hall made a motion to purchase 22 packets Of Plant Magic @\$15.00 each to distribute to caretakers for a total of \$330. Seconded by J.McLaughlin. All in favor. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ship shape Day 50th Report

D.Bangert reported that more than 500 people, plus scout groups and clubs, participated in SSD. She also noted that more recycling than trash was collected this year.

a. Grabbers / SSD Fund

A.Steele reported that 48 grabbers were returned and there is \$269.50 in the SSD Fund. We will need new gloves next year.

b. Accounting

D.Bangert said we spent \$133.76 on printing and \$209.75 on wrist bands and ribbons for the 50th celebration. The bill from Nona's has not come in yet but she predicts we spent just under \$1,000 total for SSD because of many generous donations from town merchants.

c. Feedback

Everyone agreed that the poster contest and the ice cream truck brought out many more families with children this year. The new revised map was a wonderful addition.

B. Brookside Planting

Nothing to report at this time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Harbormaster's Island Renovation

D.Bangert reported that the area is presently neglected and needs immediate landscaping. Bill Morse has agreed to clean up the island, kill the weeds and edge it for \$426.00.

MOTION: A.Steele made a motion to accept the Morse proposal of \$426.00 to edge and weed the Harbormaster island. Seconded by M.Tennaro. all in favor. Motion carried.

B. Annual Report

None this year.

C. Other

J.McLaughlin reported a discussion at the Planning Board meeting about installing signs in the Harbor, possibly in an AaL. More information is needed. The Chairman will follow up.

V. CHAIR NOTES

The new library will open June 12. There are tours of the new Safety Building.

VI. MINUTES - April 2017

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

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: K.McCormack made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm. Seconded by A.Steele. All in favor. The next meeting will be in June 20, 2017 at the Maritime Center.

Minutes amended and approved__6/20/2017_
Respectfully submitted, Mary Tennaro