

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM MEETING

MARCH 15, 2016

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm. Present were D. Bangert, M. Tennaro, M.A.Palleiko, L. Diemel, A. McVeigh, K. McCormack and L. Hall

II. **STANDING REPORTS**

A. Treasurer/Bookkeeper

The current balance is \$9,148.00. The Beautification Trust Fund stands at \$6,893.24.

B. IT/Website Manager

A. McVeigh has worked diligently to get the BC Webpage and Facebook page up and running. There are now more than 50 people who follow us on Facebook. The hope is that this will generate new caretakers for our Adopt-a-Lot gardens as well as serve as a BC information base for Scituate residents to peruse.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Budget Update

D.Bangert attended the Board of Selectmen meeting where she heard many positive comments about the BC and all that it does for the town. Although we were only approved for \$500 (2 1/2 % increase) instead of the \$1,000 we requested, the Town Hall meeting on April 14 may afford us the opportunity to receive the additional funds.

B. Education Outreach Update

L.Hall, M.Tennaro and D.Bangert will meet next week to brainstorm a program about litter to present to selected schools in connection to Ship Shape Day.

C. Greenbush Merchant Program Update

Nothing new to discuss at this time.

D. Ship Shape Day

1. Commissioners signed up to work various slots on Ship Shape Day.
2. Approve expenditures

Motion: L.Hall made a motion to make A. Steele “Ship Shape Day treasurer” so the BC will have someone to handle the money collected from deposits on equipment used to collect litter. K.McCormack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion: M.Tennaro made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 new grabbers paid for from retained deposits. A.McVeigh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion: K. McCormack made a motion to require a \$15.00 deposit for grabbers and a \$5.00 deposit for vests. A. McVeigh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Newsletter Update

L.Hall proposed sending the BC newsletter by email to caretakers four times a year, with the first letter going out this April. She will write up a draft and present it to the BC at the next meeting.

F. Other

L. Dienel discussed the Minot Beach Improvement Assoc. project and informed the BC that although the CPC denied the funds for Glades Road there might be money available for future BC projects (library?) from CPC funds.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Ship Shape Day 50th Event

D. Bangert opened up a discussion regarding the 50th anniversary of Ship Shape Day, which will be in 2017. She asked the commissioners to come up with ideas to celebrate this event as well as research archives to find out specific information about the origins of the first SSD and to collect old photos.

B. Railroad Crossing Islands

K.McCormack reported that the islands look good but may need another soil and insecticide treatment from Bill Morse. It was decided to have a soil test done to determine the next step.

V. **CHAIR NOTES**

D. Bangert will attend a workshop on invasive plants on April 16.

VI. **MINUTES**

A. February 2016

Motion: L.Hall made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by K.McCormack. All in favor.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: L.Hall made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Seconded by M.A.Palleiko All in favor. The next meeting will be April 19

Minutes approved_

Respectfully submitted by M.Tennaro

