

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM MEETING

APRIL 28, 2015

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Present were D. Bangert, A. Steele, J. Farrell, K. McCormack, L. Dienel , M. Tennaro, S. Dorsey and A. McVeigh
A. Anne McVeigh was introduced as a Commissioner-in-waiting.

- II. **STANDING REPORTS**
 - A. Treasurer
The Budget Balance stands at \$9,049.72
 - B. Budget Review
D. Bangert reported that our proposed budget of \$20,000 for 2016 passed at the Town Meeting.
 - C. Railroad Crossing Islands
 - a. Needs for 2015
K. McCormick reported that the islands will need a prescription soil treatment which will be done in two installments by Bartlett Tree Experts. The total cost for this treatment will be \$500.00.
Motion: K. McCormick made a motion to pay \$500.00 to Bartlett Tree Experts for prescription soil treatments to the MBT islands. Seconded by A. Steele. All in favor; motion carried.

There was a discussion about the amount of annuals and possibly perennials needed for the islands to replace what was lost or damaged over the winter. L. Dienel and K. McCormick will talk further with R and C Nursery.
Motion: A. Steele made a motion to allot up to \$1000.00 from our budget for additional plant material for the Railroad Crossing Islands. Motion seconded by S. Dorsey. All in favor; motion carried.
 - D. Adopt-a-Lot
 - a. Request For Quotes
D. Bangert said this is an issue which will have to be addressed next year with the vendors.
 - b. High School Group
M. Tennaro met with the Interact Club at SHS and reported that they are excited about volunteering to take care of Lot #3 and have several design ideas for the garden. She is meeting with them again on April 29 to go over their plans and to help them select flowers.

D.Bangert reported that the Plant Request letters went out the volunteers but that she hasn't received very many responses. She feels that we need a future discussion regarding options for an overhaul of the entire process of communication with the AaL volunteers in terms of plant requests and authorization.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ship Shape Day Preparations

BC purchased 12 grabbers for this year's SS Day for a total of \$255.00, which came from donations and sales of grabbers from previous years. We also have a new date section for the existing banner.

B. Tree Project

S.Dorsey reported that there are many options open to us but first a site should be identified and then an appropriate tree can be selected for that location.

C. Big Belly

D. Bangert said the cost for one of these solar operated trash bins is \$3733.00 plus an additional cost for a yearly software service, and shipping and handling. Since we only have \$2500 from donations at this time, the BC decided to table this until we have more funds available.

D. Recruitment

We had no responses from the letters D.Bangert sent out but we did get several from our BC Facebook postings, including one from Anne McVeigh, who was happy to find out about the BC and the need for volunteers.

E. Library Project

M.Tennaro reported that until the plans for the library renovations are finalized, it will be difficult to pinpoint where the BC gardens might be located and how they will differ from the existing ones. She was told that the landscape crew would move the large shrubs to a site near the library until construction is complete. She will be transplanting the perennials to a different location sometime after the library closes in early June. That location still has to be determined.

F. Harbor Merchants' Pots

D.Bangert reported that only a few merchants showed interest in the idea of placing large pots of plants(like the ones Doug Litchfield placed in town last year) throughout the harbor area and that there are many restrictions for such an undertaking from handicap requirements to traffic issues, to name just a few.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Brookside

To keep the knotweed in this area under control, it will be necessary to have further treatment done this year.

Motion: S.Dorsey made a motion to contact Bartlett Tree Experts and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$125.00, to control the knotweed problem in this area. K.McCormick seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

B. Morse Contract

Motion: S. Dorsey made a motion to renew our contract with Bill Morse Landscaping for 2016 at the current rate of \$7650.00 per year. Motion was seconded by J.Farrell. All in favor; motion carried.

V. CHAIR NOTES

D. Bangert mentioned that she had been part of a meeting to address the appearance of the Widow's Walk Golf Course and was asked if the BC would be able to give some advice about possible improvements. At this time the BC is not going to be actively involved but may give suggestions in the future.

VI. MINUTES - March, 2015

Motion: A motion was made by K.McCormick to approve the March minutes as revised. S.Dorsey seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A.Steele made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 pm. The motion was seconded by J.Farrell. The next meeting will be May 19.

Minutes approved May 19, 2015
Respectfully submitted by M.Tennaro

