

# SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES FROM MEETING

MAY 19, 2015

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Present were D. Bangert, A. Steele, J. Farrell, K. McCormack, L. Dienel, M. Tennaro, J. McLaughlin

### II. STANDING REPORTS

#### A. Treasurer

The Balance remains at \$9,049.72

#### B. Railroad Crossing Islands

##### a. Needs for 2015

K. McCormick reported that the beds are in better condition than expected and if any planting is required, it will be done in the fall.

There was a discussion about the color of petunias that were planted by Bill Morse and his crew. L. Dienel had specifically asked for all bright pink and she discovered mostly purple in the beds. She addressed this issue with Bill and he will add more pink to the beds.

##### b. Contract

Bill Morse has not notified the BC regarding his proposed contract at this time.

#### C. Adopt-a-Lot

##### a. Caretaker List

D. Bangert distributed the updated caretaker list for 2015-2016

##### b. Plant Distribution

D. Bangert reported that so far \$1848 has been approved for plants for the lots, which is about the same amount as this time last year.

##### c. High School Group

M. Tennaro met with the Interact Club at SHS and reported that they are excited about selecting their plants and are in the process of painting the sign which sits in their Adopt-a-Lot.

##### d. Merchant Co-Ordinator

A. Steele gave out 53 vouchers worth \$50 to the merchants in N. Scituate and 89 vouchers to the Harbor merchants. She reported that there are three new stores in N. Scituate and one new store in the Harbor. She mentioned that in a discussion with Paul Kustis, the head of the Scituate Harbor Merchants, he said that the Selectmen have approved the request for placing large pots of plants around the harbor. There will likely be further discussion about this before it gets complete approval.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Ship Shape Day Report/Feedback

D Bangert reported that about 400 people participated this year...a great success. Many Community Service letters were given out for high school students who participated and the clean-ups at the beaches and the wetlands were particularly impressive with huge piles of wood and debris collected by people.

#### B. Library Plants

In an effort to save the Adopt-a-Lot plants in the library gardens, it was decided to have M.Tennaro spearhead a one day sale on May 29.

Motion: J. McLaughlin made a motion to have a one day plant sale at the library.

The motion was seconded by J.Farrell . All in favor.

#### C. Brookside Knotweed

D. Bangert said the cost for two treatments by Bartlett Tree Experts to control the knotweed in the Harbor would be \$180, which is \$60 more than we approved at the last meeting.

Motion: J. McLaughlin made a motion to increase the amount needed for treatments to control the Harbor knotweed from \$120 to \$180. Motion seconded by A. Steele. All in favor.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Membership Terms

D. Bangert asked the BC members whose terms were expiring if they wanted to remain on the board. L. Diemel, K. McCormick and J. McLaughlin will continue. J. Farrell will not stay on the BC for next year.

#### B. Annual Project

L. Diemel informed us about possible future plans for the Glades Road area to replace lost sand and reinforce the beach area. She also asked if the BC might be able to help the Minot area with repairs needed after the winter storms. More discussion on this will follow at future meetings.

### V. CHAIR NOTES

Nothing to report at this time.

### VI. MINUTES - April, 2015

Motion: A motion was made by J. Farrell to approve the amended minutes.

K. McCormick seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: J. McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. The motion was seconded by K. McCormick. All in favor. The next meeting will be June 16.

Minutes approved June 16, 2015

Respectfully submitted by M.Tennaro

