

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM MEETING

MAY 17, 2016

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Present were D. Bangert, M. Tennaro, M.A.Palleiko, L. Dienel, A. McVeigh, K. McCormack, L. Hall, A. Steele, J. McLaughlin and T.McLaughlin (Junior member)

- II. **STANDING REPORTS**
 - A. Treasurer

The current Budget Balance is \$2,567.62 The Beautification Trust Fund current balance is \$6,907.38
 - B. Railroad Crossing Islands

All agreed that the islands look good after the winter. L.Dienel has put in the order for 200 pink petunias from R&C to be planted in the islands.
 - C. Merchant Program

M.A.Palleiko and A.Steele delivered the \$50 vouchers to merchants in the Harbor (85), North Scituate (48) and Greenbush (14 + possibly 8 more).
 - D. Adopt-a-Lot Program

D.Bangert reported that the Approval letters went out to the caretakers and the BC will be spending approximately \$2000 on flowers for the Adopt-a-Lots. In addition, Bill Morse will be planting petunias in several islands around town as he has in the past.
 - E. IT/Website Manager

A. McVeigh reported that there has been a very positive response to the photos of flowers that we have posted on our page and she will be taking more photos of the islands after the caretakers plant their flowers. She asked for more information about flowers and/or gardening tips from the commissioners for future postings.

- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Education Outreach Update

M.Tennaro contacted the elementary school principals who referred her to Donna Moffat, Pre K-6 STEM Curriculum Coordinator. She has a meeting set up for May 18 with Donna to discuss how the BC can work with the schools to bring awareness and accountability to the litter and pollution issues in Scituate. She also has a meeting with the Jenkins school librarian, Denise Fairhurst, and several involved parents to discuss the “Be Green” program that was launched this year.
 - B. Ship Shape Day 50th event

T. McLaughlin gave a power point presentation highlighting some celebration ideas which included: t-shirts with logos, balloons, contests with prizes, and possibly a food cart. She suggested getting donations from sponsors .

J.McLaughlin will check with the Historical Society to see if they have any information on the history of SSD and details about its origin.

C. Trash Cans

After a brief discussion, it was decided to use some of the money from the BC Trust Fund to purchase bins for trash/recycling for the Driftway path.

MOTION: M.A.Palleiko made a motion to purchase one pair of black trash/recycling bins for \$1108.40 with donated funds. A.McVeigh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Other

A.Steele, Ship Shape Day fund chairman, reported that there was \$350.05 in our special account.

MOTION: J.McLaughlin made a motion to use the SSD funds to purchase new grabbers and to earmark remaining funds for the 50th anniversary celebration.

L.Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Annual Project

D.Bangert reported that the BC has approximately \$2000 left in the budget for this fiscal year. She presented three options to get the money encumbered: Brookside and the Harbormaster gardens need attention and new plants, and Country Way will need new trees after the sidewalk is put in. After discussing the options, it was decided that the Brookside area would be our priority. M.A Palleiko volunteered to contact a few local landscapers to see what can be done with the funds we have available.

MOTION: K.McCormick made a motion to investigate a landscape design for the Brookside area and the Harbormaster AaL. Seconded by A.Steele. All in favor.

V. **CHAIR NOTES**

D. Bangert alerted the BC to the Scituate Garden Club plant sale on May 22.

VI. **MINUTES - April 2016**

J.McLaughlin asked that Trea's name be included in attendance and contributions for ideas for the 50th celebration.

MOTION: A.Steele made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by K.McCormack. All in favor.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: J.McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Seconded by A.McVeigh. All in favor. The next meeting will be June 21.

Minutes approved_

Respectfully submitted by M.Tennaro

