

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Minutes from Meeting February 15, 2022
Scituate Town Library – Large Conference Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. Present were K. Desler, L. Dienel, S. Humphrey, H. Kimball, L. Powers, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, M. Tennaro, J. Veiga, D. Bangert (Ship Shape Day coordinator) and M. Minier (Scituate Garden Club member). Absent was S. Casey.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: M. Tennaro made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting. Seconded by M. Palleiko. All were in favor.

III. Standing Reports

A. Treasurer

1. L. Dienel announced that the Commission received a \$500 gift from the Pollard Family. S. Humphrey has sent a thank you note with a copy of the annual report.
2. L. Dienel reviewed current financials. There is approximately a \$24,000 balance with \$2,300 dedicated to railroad crossing maintenance and refresh and \$5,400 to annual R&C Farms expenses. This leaves \$16,000 to spend.

B. Railroad Crossing Islands –K. McCormack indicated that refresh decisions could not be made on the islands until March. However, she expects to add some larger evergreens to the islands. It is expected that Coastal Landscaping who does the maintenance will also do the planting.

C. Adopt-a-Lot (AaL) Program – M. Tennaro provided an update on various items:

1. The gates at Lawson AaL caretaker Joyce Farrel needs a new helper.
2. There is a woman in Humarock who is interested in developing an AaL at the corner of Central Ave across from the restaurant. She may be interested in a bigger project in Humarock as well.
3. The Library has agreed to reinstate the AaL at the bottom of the hill in front of the building.

D. IT/Website Manager – S. Casey was absent. S. Humphrey mentioned that there were some problems attaching the agenda to our website. The town may be going through some software updates.

- E. Merchant Coordinator – L. Powers reported that she is working on a letter for merchants with a section about the beginnings of the program. All were interested in this being a topic passed on to Ruth Thomas for the Mariner.

IV. Old Business

S. Humphrey reported that Commission support for the Library front slope was not accepted. However, the Library AaL reinstatement will move forward. Once weather allows, the soil and condition of the lot will need to be checked before deciding upon planting and maintenance plan. The Library needed more time before they could decide on a plan and subsequent maintenance for the slope and the Commission needs to move forward with allocating its funds for other projects.

V. New Business

- A. *Motion:* S. Humphrey made a motion to have Ship Shape Day on April 30th, 2022. H. Kimball seconded. All were in favor.
- B. D. Bangert discussed Ship Shape Day (SSD) details.
1. The SSD website has been updated for this year and the expense of \$133/yr has been paid. When this year's event is reviewed, there will be a discussion as to whether the website should be kept as is or if it and/or its information should be incorporated into the Commission's site. *Motion:* S. Humphrey made a motion to maintain the SSD website as is for another year and to reimburse D. Bangert for \$133. Seconded by K. McCormack. All in favor.
 2. New signs will need to be printed this year. D. Bangert will bring more information to the next meeting.
 3. M. Minier indicated that the Garden Club would like to once again have a table at SSD to educate the public on the invasive species, Garlic Mustard.
- C. S. Humphrey provided an update on some previously discussed projects.
1. Painting of the blue panels on the Town Hall is scheduled to happen soon.
 2. Fencing around dumpsters would be a responsibility of DPW.
 3. There is the possibility of sewer work in the N. Scituate in the near future. The outcome could significantly impact work on the garden in the center of the village.
 4. Trees are being replaced on Front Street due to root exposure. There may be opportunity for the Commission to fund replacements.

5. S. Humphrey asked if there was any interest in planting spruce trees on the Lawson Common. After discussion, most were interested but would like to discuss with Historical Society to see what they recommend on trees and placement.
6. The Safety Complex on 3A was landscaped with the wetlands in mind. If changes or maintenance were to be suggested, the landscape designer would need to be contacted.
7. It is possible that the old Pier 44 location may benefit from Commission funds when the location is developed in the future.
8. S. Humphrey, L. Dienel and M. Palleiko will meet with K. Cafferty and J. Boudreau about some of these projects and also express concern over how mowing is done around town trees.

D. There was a discussion over whether the Commission should support the proposed MA bottle bill. S. Humphrey would like for members to think about the bill and will look into whether the Commission is able to take a public position.

VI. Notes

S. Humphrey expressed thanks for all the help in setting up Christmas decorations around town.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: H. Kimball made a motion to adjourn at 8:46PM. Seconded by K. McCormack. All were in favor. The next scheduled meeting will be March 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kimball