

**SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**  
Minutes from Meeting June 20, 2023  
Scituate Town Library – Large Conference Room

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were S. Casey, S. Humphrey, L. Powers, M. Tennaro, Mary Ann Palleiko and S. Hofmeister (Friends of North Scituate Village). Absent: H. Kimball, K. McCormack, J. Voelger

**II. Town of Scituate Commitment Statement to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion:* M. Tennaro made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2023. S. Casey seconded. All were in favor.

**IV. Standing Reports**

**Treasurer** –Major expenses were the maintenance budget for the RX Islands, renovation of old and development of new A-a-L's (including a sculpture), the Merchant Program, Adopt-a-Lot program, Holiday trees and lights on the Common and at the gazebo and Ship Shape Day. Plant Scituate and acquisition of water hoses were relatively minor expenses. Our balance is \$3,491.19. We will incur expenses for the removal and replanting of the tree on the Common, as well as the redo of the island at Town hall on the east and west side of Judge Cushing Highway. Our new contract for the maintenance of RX islands is \$15340. This contract includes maintenance of the Branch Street and Country Way Island.

Our Trust Fund balance is \$9,765.30. We received \$1750 in donations. Two were restricted: a \$1000 donation from the High School class' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion to purchase and plant a tree and a memorial plaque and a \$250 donation for the maintenance of The Special Olympic Park.

**Adopt-a-Lot (AaL) Program –**

We have 26 caretakers and 28 A-a-L's. The new Widow's Walk AaL will be maintained by Sue Casey.

**Social Media** – S. Casey reported 150 followers on our Instagram account. She also reminds us to upload photo's

**Railroad Crossings and Islands** – K. McCormack and L Dienel reported that Northern Oaks was the only landscaper to place a bid on the maintenance of the railroad and traffic islands. The garden at 3A and First Parish Rd. will be redone by Northern Oaks as well as the AaL at the intersection of Branch St and Country Way.

**Merchant Program** –Between May 15 – June 12. Leslie Powers, assisted by Mary Tennaro, Mary Anne and Sue Casey distributed vouchers to merchants in Greenbush, Front Street and North Scituate. 158 vouchers were handed out.

**V Old Business –.**

- A. The Stephen Tooker Memorial Garden, a historical memorial lily garden at the senior center, has been successfully installed with support of DPW. The plaque will be funded by the Senior Center.
- B. North Scituate beautification project (\$1200) will hopefully be done in June.
- C. We will incur expenses for the removal and replanting of the tree on the Common, as well as the purchase of a new tree.
- D. DPW is commended for the excellent (and complicated) job placing the sculpture “hole in One” in the sculpture garden at Widow’s Walk

**VI. New Business**

- A. After a brief discussion it was agreed to change our meeting dates to a Wednesday
  - B. Sytske will ask Michele about spending restrictions on the Special Olympics Park \$250 donation.
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**VII. Notes**

All were thanked for their hard work and commitment to beautifying our Town

**VIII. Adjournment**

*Motion:* S. Casey made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Seconded by M. Tennaro. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, S. Humphrey & S. Casey