

**SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**  
Minutes from Meeting February 21, 2023  
Scituate Town Library – Large Conference Room

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were L. Dienel, S. Humphrey, H. Kimball, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, L. Powers, M. Tennaro, and J. Voelger. Absent were S. Casey and J. Veiga.

**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 November 8, 2022. K. McCormack seconded. All were in favor.

**IV. New Business/Ship Shape Day** – J. Voelger gave a status on plans for Ship Shape Day, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 and other details were discussed.

1. Signs, posters, and banner from last year all look good.
2. We have enough supplies for bags, gloves, and grabbers.
3. A calendar has been created to easily see the tasks rolling out to the event. Some highlights include: 3/1 Update website and pay fee, 4/1 Post on social media, 4/11 Post on Peachjar, 4/14 Posters go up at Library and Town Hall, 4/19 Signs go up around town, 4/21 Hang banner up at Town Hall, 4/25 Re-post on Peachjar, 4/26 Small signs are delivered to key locations, 5/1 Check in with DPW, janitor, and transfer station.
4. S. Humphrey will work on publicity in various newspapers.
5. S. Humphrey will contact the Garden Club to see if they would like to have a table to educate the public about invasive species/Garlic Mustard.
6. J. Voelger will contact the Rotary volunteers to see if they would like to help again this year.
7. J. Voelger will contact Town Hall for an updated list of street names and town map. These will be used to streamline the cleanup coordination efforts.
8. UnTold Brewing is hoping to have a Greenbush Weekend event on May 6<sup>th</sup>. If so, the SBC will coordinate with them to help both entities with promotion for participation. There is also the possibility of using spent grain bags as giveaways.
9. *Motion:* H. Kimball made a motion to spend up to \$800 on SSD supplies (including website fees). M. Tennaro seconded. All were in favor.

## **V. Standing Reports**

- A. Treasurer – L. Dienel reported that there is one more contractual payment to be made to Coastal Excavating for the Railroad Islands. That will leave the commission with \$19,697 to spend. In addition, the commission has \$9,962 in the trust fund.
- B. Adopt-a-Lot (AaL) Program – M. Tennaro brought forward several topics:
  - 1. Four AaLs will need new caretakers: Booth Hill, Elephant Garden, and Widow's Walk. The art sculpture at the Town Hall will no longer be an AaL. *Motion:* M. Tennaro made a motion to turn the Widow's Walk flagpole garden in to an AaL. J. Voelger seconded. All were in favor.
  - 2. The window boxes need to be replaced at Satuit Brook. M. Tennaro will provide costs for new ones at the next meeting.
  - 3. All agreed that it was important for the commission to start phasing native species in to the AaLs. Blue Stem Natives are available to hold a presentation for caretakers. There is also a public presentation to be held by the Scituate Garden Club on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Senior Center.
  - 4. S. Humphrey mentioned a request from the Cole Parkway AaL caretakers to not cut back any plantings unless asked.
- C. Social Media – S. Humphrey reported that the commission has 100 followers on Instagram and that S. Casey has a meeting at the town hall to go over corrections on the town website.

**VI. New Business** – Several special project ideas were discussed with limited time.

- A. Widows Walk will become a new AaL. M. Tennaro, M. Palleiko, and J. Voelger will look in to design and cost.
- B. Library slope – This project will be researched further and discussed at the next meeting.
- C. H. Kimball will follow up with Susi Hofmeister on the North Scituate Train Canopy project. The expected costs for planters are outstanding.
- D. S. Humphrey mentioned that there was a request for a tree planting at the 3A rotary park. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

## **VII. Notes**

S. Humphrey will receive a \$500 donation from the Pollard Family at next week's Selectman's meeting. She will send a thank you note.

S. Humphrey mentioned that Karen Canfield wondered if the commission would be interested in spearheading the Proposed Scituate Warranty Article (to maintain town attractiveness in areas that are frequented by pedestrians, bicyclists, cars, public transportation, and commercial and recreational boating). As little time was left, this will be discussed more at the next meeting.

M. Palleiko, liaison to the EDC Community Forum, mentioned that the group would like to have input from the commission on the Pier 44 project.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

*Motion:* H. Kimball made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 PM. Seconded by J. Voelger. All were in favor. The next scheduled meeting is March 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kimball