

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Minutes from Meeting March 21, 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, L. Dienel, S. Humphrey, H. Kimball, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, L. Powers, M. Tennaro, and J. Voelger. Absent was J. Veiga.

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion: K. McCormack made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023. M. Tennaro seconded. All were in favor.

IV. Pier 44 Park Proposal

S. Humphrey reviewed a letter drafted to be signed by the Commission in support of the Community Preservation Committee funding \$300,000 for pre-construction activities on the Pier 44 park proposal. The letter will be presented to the Select Board and submitted in support of the vote at the Town Meeting.

Motion: H. Kimball made a motion to support the Community Preservation funding of \$300,000 for pre-construction activities at the park. L. Powers seconded. All were in favor.

V. Ship Shape Day – J. Voelger gave a status on Ship Shape Day (SSD).

1. SSD approved at Select Board meeting and permit was obtained.
2. The SSD website has been paid for and updated. There was a discussion as to whether an easier to use web creation platform could be used in the future. The current platform is Word Press.
3. The large poster has been updated and prepared for distribution. Smaller flyers will be posted at the Town Hall and Senior Center. Kennedys would like to post a flyer as well. The North South River Water Shed Association would like to include SSD information in a combined announcement of various clean up days being held in the area.
4. S. Casey and J. Voelger will design a sticker that indicates participation in SSD. With the sticker, participants may go to UnTold Brewery and claim a free grain bag while supplies last. UnTold will provide grain bags

filled with flowers for display at the Town Hall. Meeting to be held with UnTold to fine tune any other plans and details.

5. Full publicity to start April 10th after meeting with Untold.
6. Voter cards will be completed by next week.
7. J. Voelger to touch base on details with Nona's Ice Cream about having the truck at the Town Hall. The first \$150 of ice cream is funded by Nona's. Beyond this amount would be funded by the Commission.
Motion: S. Humphrey made a motion to have Nona's ice cream truck participate in SSD. J. Voelger seconded. Seven were in favor, two were not. S. Humphrey made a motion to spend up to \$500 on ice cream at SSD. K. McCormack seconded. Seven were in favor, two were not.

VI. Standing Reports

- A. Treasurer – L. Dienel reported that the budget balance was \$20,297 and that it appeared higher this month because the cost of the spruce tree on the Common was replaced and taken out of the trust fund.
- B. Adopt-a-Lot (AaL) Program –
 1. M. Tennaro mentioned that four composite, self-watering window boxes for the Satuit Brook AaL had been picked out. After looking locally, they would be ordered from windowboxes.com for \$950. The boxes would come with installation hardware and be shipped directly to DPW. *Motion:* M. Tennaro made a motion to purchase the window boxes. K. McCormack seconded. All were in favor.
 2. M. Tennaro announced that M. Palleiko offered to help with the new Widow's Walk AaL until a caretaker is found.
 3. S. Humphrey, M. Tennaro, and S. Casey presented the possibility of placing a stone sculpture in the Widow's Walk AaL. The sculpture was well liked. The best location will be determined later.
 4. The Widow's Walk AaL needs to be planted. *Motion:* M. Tennaro made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 on plantings. S. Humphrey seconded. All were in favor.
- C. Social Media – S. Casey indicated that work was still being done to update the SBC town website.
- D. Railroad Crossings and Islands –

1. K. McCormack reported that it was not yet time to determine what needs to be bought and planted.
2. L. Dienel mentioned that Coastal Excavating needs to be contacted in order to renew their contract and to see if they can help with the AaL at the corner of Branch and Country Way which is in a dangerous location.

VII. Old Business – Special project ideas were discussed with limited time.

- A. S. Humphrey reported that the Friends of North Scituate will connect with Chris Kennedy who will help them determine what planters and plantings would be best for the Train Canopy location. S. Hofmeister will join next month's meeting to discuss options.
- B. The Library slope project will be discussed at the next meeting.
- C. The request for a tree planting at the 3A rotary park will be discussed at the next meeting.
- D. L. Dienel reported that a letter will be sent to the Select Board with possible locations for a Beautification Commission shed. Ideas included behind the Town Hall and the Scituate Historical Society's Schoolhouse. When the Select Board approves a location, a letter to request construction will be sent to the Superintendent of the Vo Tech School.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: H. Kimball made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Seconded by J. Voelger. All were in favor. The next scheduled meeting is April 18th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kimball