

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Minutes from Meeting September 26, 2023
Scituate Town Library – Large Conference Room

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM. Present were S. Casey, S. Humphrey, L. Powers, M. Tennaro, JM Voelger, K. McCormack, M. Palleiko, L. Dienel and K. Bowers

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

III. Election of Officers, CALENDAR logistics

We welcomed K. Bower. The Following slate of officers was approved:

Chair: S. Humphrey, Treasure: L. Dienel, Adopt-a-Lot: M. Tennaro, Ship Shape day: JM Voelger, Secretary: S. Casey, Liaison to town committees: A. Palleiko, Merchant Program: L. Powers, XX and traffic islands: K. McCormack & L. Dienel, At Large: K. Bower.

Meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at the library from 6:45-8:45 were amenable to all.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: S. Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2023 as amended, M. Palleiko seconded. All were in favor.

V. FY 2025 Budget Proposal

The FY 2025 DRAFT was edited and the final version was approved with a request for \$37,500. The increase covers the 140% increase of our maintenance budget.

Motion: M. Tennaro moved to accept an FY 2025 request for \$37,500, seconded by JM Voelger. All were in favor.

VI. Standing reports

Treasurer Our 23-24 budget is \$32,000. Currently payments of 3,810.97 were paid out, leaving a remainder of \$16,757.11. Several charges should have been paid out of the Trust fund. There is still a question about the donation to the Olympic Park. L. Dienel or S. Humphrey will inquire. Our Trust Fund balance is \$8,880.30.

Adopt-a-Lot (AaL) Program –

26 caretakers planted mums at \$6.00 each. The “anchor garden” at Cole Parkway has been weeded by a neighbor who would like to become involved with the SBC. Mary T and S. Humphrey will contact her.

Social Media – S. Casey reported 178 followers on our Instagram account. She also reminds us to upload photo's

Railroad Crossings and Islands – K. McCormack and L. Dienel reported that 2 islands have been taken down and are not in violation of the sight line rules. The Branch Street Island is also adhering to sight line rules. The wet weather has increased the growth of weeds on traffic islands. The railroad crossing islands are due for an increase in flowering plants come next planting season.

Merchant Program –L. Powers started an active discussion about ways to reach merchants. The discussion was tabled and will resume at our next meeting.

VII. Old Business –

- A. North Scituate beautification project was completed: rocks removed and soil added. The site is full of weeds and not taken care of. JM. Voelger will contact S. Hofman to inquire about next plans.
- B. The lily garden is much loved and the Senior Center had a lovely write up about the garden and thanks the Commission, with a special thanks to M. Tennaro.
- C. The tree at the Commons is replanted at Conservation Park. A hearing was held about the conflict of planting non-military memorial trees on the Common. The SBC awaits further instruction from the Select Board. With the planting season ending it is doubtful that a new tree can be purchased and planted this late in the season.

VIII. New Business

Request to consult on a mural for Otis Way was discussed. We have the artists on our committee to give solid input. It was suggested that prior to our involvement the Scituate Harbor Cultural District Commission ownership of the building is confirmed and permission is given to place a mural.

IX. Notes

All were thanked for their hard work and the beautiful gardens created this summer.

X. Adjournment

Motion: K.Mc.Cormack made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Seconded by M. Tennaro. All were in favor.

Next Meeting October 17

Respectfully submitted, S. Humphrey