

**Town of Scituate Massachusetts
Beautification Commission
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Small Conference Room
Scituate Town Library**

1. CALL TO ORDER –

The regular meeting of the Scituate Beautification Commission was called to order at 7:04 pm. on September 18, 2018 by Donna Bangert, Commission Chair.

Members present: D. Bangert, L. Hall, L. Dienel, M A Palleiko, A Steele, M. Tennaro
Guest Jeanmarie Voelger.

A. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Carolyn DiPesa resigned. The Commission would like to thank Carolyn for her participation during the past year and appreciates the time she has devoted as Treasurer and active member.

B. APPOINTED SECRETARY for this meeting: Mary Anne Palleiko

II. STANDING REPORTS

A. Treasurer's report

FY 2018 year ended with 156.39

Current balance is 19,663.48

B. Railroad Crossing Islands Update1 (L Dienel/K.McCormack)

First Parish Island was improved this year with additional plants

Concentration for next year should be North Scituate islands.

200 Petunias will be ordered now from R&C Farms for Spring 2019

C. Merchant Coordinators (A Steele)

67 Merchants participated in the merchant flower program

40 Harbor merchants

21 N. Scituate

6 Greenbush

D. Adopt-a-Lot (D. Bangert)

A discussion of offering late season blooming plants to Caretakers was tabled until the February meeting.

9 AaL sites received the requested caretaker recognition signs.

AaL volunteers who did not request signs previously will again be polled to see if they would like a sign recognizing their maintenance.

. A **Motion** was made to accept Bill Morse's proposal to weed, prune, deadhead, mulch and make a Preen application to the Tax Office for a cost of \$726.00.

Motion made by Andrea Steele, seconded by Mary Tennaro Approved unanimously.

A **Motion** to hold an AaL volunteer appreciation coffee on Saturday September 29, 2018 from the hours of 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Maritime Center and for the Beautification Commission to cover all expenses was made. by Leslie Dienel, seconded by Andrea Steele. Approved unanimously

Thank you letters and an invitation to coffee will be sent out by Donna Bangert

New AaL Caretakers

Long time caretaker Margaret Lyle is retiring from maintenance of the Town Hall planter AaL after many years. We would like to thank Margaret for her years of volunteer service in keeping our town hall beautiful.

Pam Avable, Scituate Town treasurer will care for Town Hall Planter area.

Jean Marie Voelger, a new AaL volunteer, will care for the Elephant Fountain Gardens.

IT/ Web Manger (D. Bangert) for Ann McVeigh

Encourage submission of photos of gardens

Doug Litchfield's island post received 270 "Clicks", 168 "Likes"

III. OLD BUSINESS

A Caretaker Recognition Signs - Recap

A **Motion** to offer Caretaker Recognition signs again and purchase all signs requested was made by Andrea; seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

B. Other

9 AaL sites received the requested caretaker recognition signs.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** A Proposal for landscape clean up at the Tax Office was requested from Morse Landscape and Design. A **Motion** was made to accept Bill Morse's proposal to weed, prune, deadhead, mulch and make a Preen application to the Tax Office for a cost of \$726.00. The motion was made by Andrea Steele and seconded by Mary Tennaro. Approved unanimously
- B.** .Renovate AaL #9 Elephant Fountain. Caretaker Jeanmarie Voelger described some issues with her AaL: Elephant garden maintenance and plans were discussed. Public Works will be asked to assist with preparation and painting the benches..Planting will be done in the spring.
- C.** Town Hall Planter and Front Bed There was a discussion of the condition of the Town Hall landscaping and corner planter. The consensus is that we need to push for an attractive and low maintenance design to be drawn up and installed, and also for a plan of regular maintenance. For now, a Building &Grounds employee will be asked to clean out the corner bed and mulch it. A **Motion** was made that Donna Bangert will investigate landscape design ideas for the Town Hall Planter and establish communication with the Town Hall to determine a budget for the Town Hall planter. Motion made by Andrea Steele, seconded by Mary Tennaro. Approved unanimously

D. . It was decided at this meeting that a coffee hour would be an appropriate venue for giving thanks to the many AaL volunteers who have helped make Scituate beautiful.

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Motion made by Leslie Dienel, seconded by Andrea Steele. Approved unanimously.

Thank you letters and an invitation to coffee will be sent out by Donna.

VI. MINUTES June 19 and July 31 special meeting

A Motion was made to accept the minutes for the June 19, 2018 regular meeting and the July 31 special meeting

Motion made by Lurie Hall, seconded by Mary Tennaro Approved unanimously

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN was made at 9:08pm

Motion made by Mary Tennaro, seconded by Laurie Hall, Approved unanimously