

SCITUATE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

MINUTES FROM MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

(Rescheduled from Tuesday, September 20, 2016)

I. CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm. Present were D. Bangert, K. McCormack, J. McLaughlin, M. Palleiko, L. Dienel, A. McVeigh and L. Hall*

II. ELECT OFFICERS/WELCOME NEW OFFICERS — *D. Bangert*

agreed to continue as Chairman. Members volunteered to fill Administrative roles as follows: Recording Secretary: M. Tennaro; Merchant Coordinators: A. Steele, M. Palleiko; Adopt-a-Lot Coordinators: D. Bangert, Laurie Hall; Railroad Crossing Overseers: K. McCormack, L. Dienel; IT-Web Manager: A. McVeigh; Designated PO Signature: L. Dienel.

Motion: *to approve the roster of Officers for FY 16-17 as listed, by J. McLaughlin. Second by M. Palleiko. Votes in favor: Unanimous. Motion carried.*

The Chairman thanked members for their continued support of and participation in achieving Beautification's goals and for their dependable meeting attendance.

III. STANDING REPORTS

A. Treasurer/Bookkeeper - *A summary of FY15-16 expenditures prepared by A. Bangert was presented, showing a balance of \$170.74 remaining at the end of the year.*

B. Railroad Crossing Islands — *They are doing surprisingly well in this drought, demonstrating how little water these plants actually need.*

Sedums look scraggly and maybe we should consider replacing them. The daylilies were planted 7 and 8 years ago and need dividing or replacing. B. Morse will be consulted about the better option. It's time to order next year's petunias.

C. Merchant Coordinators – M. Palleiko reported no concerns or issues with Greenbush's merchant flowers, which are still blooming.

D. Adopt-a-Lots - D. Bangert reported some changes over the summer: AaL 2 at SHS entrance was removed in August to improve traffic flow for increased traffic due to the construction new middle school. Plants were removed to AaL 16, Tax Office, except for 2 large spruce trees which could not be successfully transplanted. Caretaker Jane Fallon has maintained this island for 20+ years.

***Motion:** To recognize J. Fallon's contribution to Beautification's goal of enhancing the beauty of Scituate by presenting her with a framed certificate, by J. McLaughlin. Seconded by K. McCormack. Votes in favor- unanimous. Motion carried.*

AaL 22 at Beaver Dam and Tilden was reconfigured for safety and a crosswalk was added, with the loss of a perennial or two. J. Mc-Laughlin added that it is not ADA compliant so more changes will come.

AaL 11- Harbormaster's was planted July 12 by Pete Wells of President's Landscape and Design. It received many comments of appreciation from passers-by during summer events e.g. visit of America, FoxTV broadcast, Heritage Days.

AaL 29 – Woodland at Edith Holmes was run over but has recovered.

AaL 6 at Lawson Fountain was flooded when the pool overflowed for a few days in July. A few perennials were lost due to too much water.

AaL 3 at the SHS Sign was not maintained. It is a project of the Interact Club but there's no activity or communication with them over the summer.

Contractor Traffic Islands have lost plant material due to drought and will need to be evaluated next spring to identify failed plants. Replanting will be needed. The island at the intersection of First Parish and 3A is slated for reconfiguration to improve safety for in-creased school traffic.

E. IT-Web Manager – A. McVeigh posts 2x/wk. Caretaker photos are very popular and we are getting 80 likes per post.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Educational Outreach Update – No report

B. Ship Shape Day 50th Event – J. McLaughlin with daughter T. McLaughlin and D. Bangert will act as planners. Clarification is needed about asking for donations and raffles. The date will be either April 8 or April 29, 2017.

C. Annual Project – Phase 2 is planting Brookside. President's Landscaping is under contract for the work and has completed the first phase: clearing the bed and cutting back shrubby growth earlier this summer. However, conditions are not good for planting and projections do not indicate much rain for fall.

Motion: To request contractor President's Landscape to postpone planting until spring, made by L. Hall. Seconded by K. McCormack. Votes in favor- unanimous. Motion carried.

D. Newsletter - Suggestions for articles were discussed. Kathy – anti desiccants for hydrangeas; Laurie- recruitment; John – Save the Date for SSD 50th; Anne – Caretaker photos. Paragraphs will be submitted to Anne by Oct 5 for formatting and she will send on to Donna for editing.

E. Other

1. The stone wall at Front Street and Cole Pkwy will be repaired, according to M. Breen. It was damaged in winter '15.

2. Trash/recycle cans we purchased with donor funds have been placed across the street from the golf course on Driftway.

3. Twenty new Adopt-a-Lot signs have been received.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 18 Budget Assignments

Members were asked to review Beautification Goals that relate to their roles or offices, identify accomplishments toward the goals, and update them for FY2018 Budget. They will estimate costs/effects of any changes or new work that are incurred due to updated goals.

B. Other - None

VI. CHAIR NOTES - D. Bangert gave latest information on the drought and conservation efforts. Residents can sign up for weekly updates at scituatema.gov/home/news.

VII. MINUTES - June 2016

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended, made by J. McLaughlin. Seconded by L. Hall. Votes to approve – unanimous. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 9:10, made by J. McLaughlin. Seconded – K. McCormack. Votes in favor- unanimous. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be October 18, 2016.

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted by D. Bangert