

MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
July 1, 2014

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The regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT on Tuesday July 1, 2014 pursuant to notice duly posted.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Jeffrey Thompson. Members in attendance –Jeffrey Thompson, Stephanie Philips, Ann Fariss, Florence Kokoruda, Christine Griffin, Rita Scacchia, Evelyn Clough, Susan Prosi, Donna Caserta, Gail Liscio

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of meeting of June 3, 2014. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. FARISS SECONDED BY MS. CLOUGH TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES AS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: The Awards ceremony will take place TENTATIVELY Sept. 18. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Blight Officer, Mr. Pitcher — Mr. Thompson read the letter from Zoning administrator, Mr. Lorentsen, stating Mr. Pitcher cannot attend nighttime meetings as his workday ends at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Lorentsen is also a blight officer and will attend Beautification meetings. He is on vacation this week and will be asked to attend the October meeting. A discussion continued re: a subcommittee to meet with Messrs. Pitcher or Lorentsen during the day to review criteria for blight, executive actions toward blight and fines imposed.
- B. Budget/financial report — Mr. Thompson ordered 4,000 daffodil bulbs. The bulbs will be delivered to his house. Discussion re: transporting the bulbs to town hall. Mr. Thompson reviewed the year-end budgetary transfers. He placed the Beautification ad in the Community Calendar.
- C. Beautification Awards Ceremony 2014
- Awards ceremony will take place on September 25 in Town Hall. The date was changed to accommodate the Mayor.
 - Mr. Thompson has not been able to contact Mr. O’Brien from Sterling House for use of the van for the August 1 viewing of the nominated properties.
 - Ms. Caserta reported on the positive response received from citizens at the Farmers’ Market on Paradise Green re: Nominating properties for Beautification Awards. The nomination form is now on the Town of Stratford website. Discussion followed re: (1) Beautifying certain areas for Stratford sister Cities reunion program which will take place July 31 through August 5 and (2) creating a Beautification web page on the town’s website
 - Ms. Caserta reported that certain Greensweep project “thank-you” letters were returned. She is ordering a “Beautification” banner from Vista Print that will be placed on the tent during next year’s Project Greensweep — both sizes 6x2½ and 8x2½ were discussed.

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V. ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. GRIFFIN SECONDED BY MS. CLOUGH TO ADJOURN THE MEETNG AT 7:15 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.