

MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 7, 2014

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The regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday October 7, 2014 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jeffrey Thompson. Members in attendance –Council member Stephanie Philips, Jeffrey Thompson, Ann Fariss, Florence Kokoruda, Christine Griffin, Rita Scacchia, Evelyn Clough, Susan Prosi, Gail Liscio, Donna Caserta

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Minutes of meeting of Sept. 2, 2014. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MS. CLOUGH AND SECONDED BY MR. GRIFFIN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS PROGRAM — Post review 2014
The awards ceremony that took place on Sept. 25 received lots of praises. The *Stratford Star* article and editorial also received highest compliments. The Eli Whitney School students' program, which included recognizing veterans, was excellent. The students also presented poppies to the committee to be planted next spring.

Award recipients need follow up next year in order to reassure them that the program/ceremony is legitimate. The 200 cookies purchased for the event were more than adequate.

IV. BLIGHT REPORT — Committee members met with P&Z administrator, Gary Lorentsen, and Blight Officer, Charles Pitcher. Mr. Thompson reported that properties receiving blight summonses must be cleaned up in 30 days. Ms. Philips reported that the blight officer's position has been funded for a full time position. It is uncertain if the position will be staffed by 2 part-time persons on 1 full-time person.

V. DAFFODIL DISTRIBUTION — Mr. Thompson reported that 1900 bulbs still remain for distribution. Currently, bulbs for Stratford citizens are available at the South End Community Center, Town Hall, Baldwin Center, Sterling House, Clough's Hardware Store on Paradise Green. The following places were cited as recipients for additional daffodil bulbs for planting: Churches, Main Street businesses, Gas stations, Restaurants, National Helicopter Museum, Honor Guard Board at Town Hall, Stratford High School.

Ms. Philips suggested that the Committee compose a resolution for Town Council approval re: all Town Owned property shall have daffodils, our town flower, planted on that property.

VI. HOLIDAY CARDS — Ms. Caserta will order 100 more holiday cards for delivery to neighbors that display holiday decorations. The cards are postcard size with a winter scene. The print will be larger than last year.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT — Mr. Thompson reported that \$1,000 was received in the budget.

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VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS, CONCERNS, ISSUES — The following issues/concerns were discussed:

- There will be no November meeting; the Committee will meet at Town hall on Sunday Nov. 9 for planting.
- The December meeting at Biaggio's Restaurant will not take place on Dec. 2. An alternate date will be announced.
- A subcommittee will meet with the Mayor in October.
- Date for project Greensweep has not yet been determined.
- The Zoning Commission has an agenda item re: signage. An agenda will be forwarded.
- Discussion re: Town Administration personnel involvement for this committee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. GRIFFIN SECONDED BY MS. FARISS TO ADJOURN THE MEETNG AT 7:37 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary