

MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
January 6, 2015

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The regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday January 6, 2015 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 6:00 p.m. by Christine Griffin. Members in attendance –Council member Stephanie Philips, Ann Fariss, Florence Kokoruda, Christine Griffin, Rita Scacchia, Gail Liscio, Donna Caserta, Barbara Julian, Mayoral staff member Chris Bandecchi, Stratford Environmental Conservation Administrator Brian Carey

WAIVER OF RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. FARISS SECONDED BY MS. KOKORUDA TO WAIVE THE RULES TO TAKE ITEM XIII, Town Hall Project, OUT OF ORDER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XIII. Town Hall Project — Mr. Carey introduced Aris W. Stalis and assistant of Aris Land Studio to present a proposal to redesign the landscaping at Town hall green. The proposal and discussion included the topics of native plantings, boxwood to frame, keeping litter aspect low, foundation plants, berry bushes/shrubberies, low maintenance plantings, irrigation system, time line to complete.

It was stated that funds have been allocated for the project but must be done in phases due to available monies. The project is targeted to begin this spring. \$20,000.00 is the estimated cost for the basic design plan. Ms. Philips will place the project in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Stalis will forward to the committee Seymour’s design plan, which he designed, for appraisal.

II. Review of Old Business, approval of minutes. Minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of Oct. 7 and special meeting of Dec. 9, 2014. — DISPENSED WITH

III. Introduction of Members — Duly introduced.

a. Introduction of Christopher Bandecchi, Mayoral constituents outreach coordinator

i. liaison for committee — Administration staff.

ii. Evelyn’s honorarium — Former committee members Jeffrey Thompson and Evelyn Clough will be recognized during a Council meeting with the presentation of a proclamation. Mr. Bandecchi wrote and distributed draft copies for committee review.

iii. Communication with other committees

IV. Files for members — distributed during meeting.

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- a. Calendar: Honor Garden Plantings, Project Greensweep-churches, daffodil photo contest (prizes), newspaper deadlines, Curb appeal contest, award ceremony, holiday contest, summer dinner meeting, Christmas Dinner meeting, set date for September dinner meeting.

Project Greensweep was addressed. The date is set for April 25. The persons receiving daffodils last autumn will be contacted to participate.

- b. Goals — Ms. Philips will create 4 new alternate positions.

- c. Projects — discussed:

- repair of access Road
- I-95 Exit 30 — Flooding, trash, weeds
- Post Road (Route 1) marker placed by former Post Master General Benjamin Franklin located at junction of East Broadway and Ferry Boulevard.

- d. Names, phone numbers and emails — Ms. Griffin circulated a contact information form.

- e. Protocol: 1 hr. Mtg., call if not attending, let us know about topics

- V. February guest: technology — Mr. Bandecchi will contact IT supervisor, David Wright re: attending the February meeting.

- VI. March: Parks Department: co ordinate summer plantings, holiday plantings, calendar dates.

- VII. Easter Early

- VIII. Stationary: with daffodil, Carol's number and e-mail address, web site

- IX. Bulbs: focus-historic district? Paradise Green?

- X. Location of Beautification Materials, cataloging for use as needed.

- XI. Farmer's Market

- XII. Curb appeal on town and state projects — Mr. Carey stated that most of the potted plants /flowers on town esplanades were destroyed during auto accidents. Replacement pots are expensive. Ms. Julian questioned the procedure for grooming state Highway areas. Mr. Carey said that a petition will have to be procured.

- XIII. Town Hall Project — addressed above.

- XIV. ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no further business, Ms. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary