

MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
June 2, 2015

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The regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday June 2, 2015 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Co-Chair Christine Griffin. Members in attendance – Council member Stephanie Philips, Electorate members Christine Griffin, Ann Fariss, Gail Liscio, Florence Kokoruda, Rita Scacchia, Donna Caserta, Barbara Julian

Accept Minutes of the April 2015 Meeting — A motion was made by Ms. Fariss, seconded by Ms. Caserta to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Committee reports

- a. Finances-Ms. Fariss stated the current balance is \$4,256.26. 48.6% of the fiscal year budget is remaining. Suggestions for the remainder of funds are plantings at schools and replace and replant pot on Main Street esplanade. Ben Franklin project – The two markers, placed on the Post road by first U.S. Postmaster General Benjamin Franklin, are on West Broad Street and the intersection of Ferry Boulevard and East Broadway. Zoning office can identify who is in charge of maintenance of the area; Town of State. Photos — Ms. Scacchia exhibited photos of the two markers.
- b. Peck's Pond — No report.
- c. Greensweep
 - i. Signs — review changes for next year. As it was assessed that the posters and Lawn signs were too busy, changes to delete unnecessary information were established. It was noted that the River Cleanup signs are horizontal.
 - ii. Suggestions for next year – review cumulative suggestions. Review of lawn sign locations. Schools/students can register for community services hours. The process was discussed. Middle and High school students can apply via e-mail. Elementary students receive notification via paper mail. Supply distribution (water, gloves, bags) was poor.
 - iii. Address for thank you — No report.
 - iv. Ms. Scacchia distributed cards.

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- d. Communications: create official list — Ms. Julian will make a list of media resources, create a data base list with contact information. It is noted that there is an on-line community calendar. Festival of Lights and Beautification Award application will be items for the community calendar Ad. Reps. from Conservation Commission will be invited to next meeting.
- e. Stratford Library Project — The brick walkway on side of building is being repaired. The project is complete.
- f. Updates — Mr. Bandecchi was not present due to a previous commitment.
- g. Honor Board — Ms. Philips reports that the Honor Board was transferred to the VFW on Veterans Way.

New Business

- 1. New plantings — Ms. Griffin will contact Rayne Serra at the Public Works Dept. for the purchase orders and an inventory sheet re: the town hall landscaping renovations. She will call Aris Landscaping re: work that was done.
Garden and Main St. planters — A letter will be sent to Ms. Collier, Director of Finance, to request the remaining budgetary funds be transferred to a reserve account.
- 2. Curb Appeal — Ms. Scacchia reported that the shallow white planters at the kiosk on Paradise Green need to be replaced with pots and plantings. Ms. Caserta conveyed the deficient condition of the bus stop shelters.

Daffodils will be ordered for this fall. Colorforms (Bridgeport) and John Deer (Lordship Blvd.) are suggested suppliers. Historical Society, Recreation dept., Rotary Club have requested bulbs.

Closing/Adjournment — The committee will meet fifteen minutes before the next meeting to review Town Hall area for the Bruce Allesie dedication bench placement. Upon a motion by Ms. Caserta, seconded by Ms. Fariss, it was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary