

MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
September 1, 2015

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The regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday September 1, 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 Co-Chair Christine Griffin.

Members in attendance – Christine Griffin, Ann Fariss, Gail Liscio, Florence Kokoruda, Rita Scacchia, Donna Caserta

Others in attendance: Parks Superintendent Chad Esposito

II. Accept Minutes of the August 4, 2015 Meeting — A motion was made by Ms. Fariss, seconded by Ms. Caserta to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Town Hall sprinkler system, watering of Main St. planters and planter design, maintenance schedule for Town Hall landscape.

Mr. Esposito reported that the sprinkler system will be completed in the fall. The Town Hall sprinklers are time-scheduled for twice a day. The cost of the Town Hall landscaping is approx. \$27,000.

Comments/Questions were posed to Mr. Esposito re:

- Aris Landscaping made the decision for alternative designs for Town Hall landscaping without consultation from the committee.
- Brickman was the supplier of the plants. There is a 3-year guarantee on the plants should they die.
- Landscape at Town hall is missing native plants that Aris was instructed to plant.
- Final walk-thru will take place Wed., Sept. 2 at 2:00.
- Hydrangeas in the Honor Board Garden area were moved inward a few feet – away from the path. Mums for the area will be ordered.
- Exit ramps are maintained once per season.
- Triangle area across from the Blue Goose Restaurant is state property and is not maintained by the town. Ms. Fariss read an excerpted portion of the resolution (B. Franklin monument) passed by Town Council stating that the town will maintain that area.
- Perennials are requested for planting strip at Paradise Green.
- Peck's Pond area – mowing, dumping, invasive species, maintenance were discussed.

Holly is placed in the planters on Main Street. There is no watering policy for the planters. Public Works staff uses the watering truck and the work is labor intensive.

IV. Old Business

1. Committee reports

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- a. Finances-Ms. Fariss stated the current balance is \$7,429.50. Ben Franklin project, Chris Bandecchi will read the proclamation on Awards night. New lawn signs – A new sample draft was displayed. Ms. Caserta will pick up the lawn signs for the awards ceremony at the public works building.
- b. Awards presentations, tech presentation – Ms. Scacchia will update the list as to categories and awards presenters.
- c. Pumpkin Festival: Saturday, Oct 17 at Boothe Park. Ms. Caserta, also a Boothe Park Commission member, suggested setting up an outdoor table at the festival for Beautification Committee recognition. Promotional Signs and giving daffodil bulbs were discussed.
- d. Communication: review and add to list. Discussion re: contacting media for Awards night.
- e. Updates, website, cost of overhead train sign – Mr. Bandecchi had no new information.
- f. Bench – No report.
- g. Daffodils, yellow bags - Ms. Griffin reported that daffodils bulbs are ordered. When they arrive, several committee members will pick them up in Bridgeport. Tan bags have been ordered. The bags with the bulbs will be assembled at Ms. Griffin's home: date to be announced.
- h. Town hall, plant orders, sprinklers — reported above.

V. New Business

1. Awards schedule: Supplies and refreshments assignments were finalized for the Oct 1 Awards ceremony A certification of recognition for the Eagle Scout project will be presented during award ceremony.
2. Redesign of holiday house notification — The Holiday display sign will be redesigned with changes to the font and the color shades.

VI. Closing/Adjournment — Upon a motion by Ms. Kokoruda, seconded by Ms. Fariss, it was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary