

MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 2, 2016

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The regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday February 2, 2016 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 6:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Christine Griffin.
Members in attendance – Tina Manus, Christine Griffin, Ann Fariss, Gail Liscio, Florence Kokoruda, Rita Scacchia, Donna Caserta, Patricia Ritchie, Barbara Julian, Rosanne Neri
Documents distributed during meeting:

- Yearly Calendar of Activities
- Ganim’s Plant Proposal

1. Introduction of new Committee members. New members and current members introduced themselves. Ms. Griffin reviewed the items available in the Beautification Committee packet: Map of Stratford, Holiday decoration postcards, blank note card with daffodil (town flower), envelope for invoices and receipts for purchases, beautification business cards.

2. Review of Old Business

Accept Minutes of the January 5, 2016 Meeting — A motion was made by Ms. Caserta, seconded by Ms. Fariss to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

- Greensweep will be conducted May 7 although the Stratford Community Calendar states a different date.
- Communication — Discussed was the poor communication between committee members and staff.
- Project and planting report — Ms. Griffin explained the process for checking town areas.

3. New Business.

a. Finances-Ms. Fariss stated the current balance is \$4,124.24.

b. Milford Community Outreach – Ms. Liscio reported her visit to the Milford Chamber of Commerce meeting. She sent a “thank-you” note to Milford Chamber. A note to Evelyn C. will not be sent until the store closes.

c. Main Street flowers – Ganim's Garden Center:

It was discussed that the irrigation system at Town Hall (near front monument) needs repair. Ms. Manus will contact town staff.

The above sited document (Plant Proposal) was reviewed re: recommendation for type of flowers/plants that are low maintenance and draught tolerant, size and number of pots for the “Green”, \$52 a pot, bags of bumper crop, osmocote, daffodils for pots.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. RITCHIE, SECONDED BY MS. FARISS TO ORDER BULBS FROM GANIMS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- d. Fairfield Center flowers: Ms. Scacchia reported on her investigation of Fairfield Center business beautification area.
- e. Trumbull - Treeland – Ms. Ritchie reported. She will follow up.
- f. Ridgefield plantings — Ms. Caserta reported. Plantings are conducted by the Garden Club. The merchants have a Christmas fund for lighting the area during the holiday. Discussion re exploration of other areas for beautification continued. Ms. Manus elaborated on Stratford’s Greenway area for walking/ biking, merchant friendly area, Barnum Ave. Streetscape project, Brewery on Stratford Ave., Town parks.
- g. Clarification of member support activities –

Expertise/Interest — Ms. Julian reviewed a potential project at Bunnell High School. Ms. Ritchie inquired on behalf of FoodCore as to where to find area community gardens and school gardens and square footage of them.

Attendance notification — Ms. Griffin reminded members to inform the secretary of attendance for quorum purposes.

Calendar of yearly activities — The above sited calendar was reviewed.

- 4. Closing — Upon a motion by Ms. Fariss, seconded by Ms. Kokoruda, it was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary