

**MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 3, 2016**

The regular scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday May 3, 2016 in room 2013 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6: 00 p.m. by Co-Chair Christine Griffin

Members in attendance – Co-Chair, Christine Griffin, Co-Chair, Donna Caserta, Members, Patricia Ritchie, Gail Liscio, Florence Kokoruda, Ann Fariss, Indiana Harden, Alternate Members, Maria Ferrera, Sylvia Martin

2. Guest speaker (Public Works) nonappearance

Ms. Griffin discussed the flowers in front of Town Hall, she said they should have been one gallon plants, also, she mentioned maintenance and irrigation problems, she was hoping to resolve this with Chad from Public Works.

She had on hand the town's daffodil sign, and it will be displayed in the Town Hall, not everyone is cognizant the daffodil is the town's flower.

Ms. Griffin passed out Beautification cards but stated we still need to integrate a consultant. If anyone needs to get in contact with the committee the information is on the card along with the website.

Ms. Caserta will type updated emails and send them to the members. Additionally, she let everyone know there are correspondence cards in Carol's office if ever you require one.

Ms. Harden said the Facebook page is all set-but there seems to be some difficulty logging in and accessing the Beautification page. Rita will get in touch with David Wright.

3. Review of minutes: Ms. Kokoruda made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harden. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Ann Fariss Finances-There is \$283.10 in the current budget. Discussed the Current/future financial standings and concerns. Discussion ensued.
- b. Florence K. – All the Greensweep signs were distributed.
- c. Barbara J. – none
- d. Donna C. – One door is complete, there is still more sill work to be done. Should be complete by the end of May.
- e. Technology –none
- f. Tina M. – council report, none
- g. Gail L. – none

- h. Additions to Beautification Calendar – Set a date for Awards night in September, check Mayor's availability.
- i. June Submission for Calendar – schedule in June for July curb appeal. Online application date is from last year-need to contact Dave Wright to change this.  
Ms. Griffin discussed the need for an easier way to nominate people other than just online. Some people are not technologically savvy, therefore, other ways need to be established.
- j. Christine G. – communication is a big problem. We need someone from Public Works here to discuss our concerns. She expressed how the Committee and other Organizations work strenuously for the betterment of our town. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Caserta mentioned since the town has its own sign making machine, we should consider having "No Littering" signs made and placed throughout the town. Possibly averting some of the trash members have seen lately.

**5. Project Greensweep** – Saturday, May 7, 2016, meet at Birdseye Dock, at 8:00 a.m., tent will be set up at 7:30/revamped sign-in sheet-bring gloves and spray for ticks.

Areas of concern: Nicholas Ave./Second Hill Lane/Hawley Lane, Access Road (Frash pond), Burma Road, Stop & Shop/viaducts –not sure if sanctioned, possibly a State issue.

Ms. Griffin passed out information on the origin of Greensweep she asked the members to take a look at it, and bring forth at the next meeting their opinions, on whether the Committee is interested in organizing Greensweep for next year.

6. Spring Planting – need to schedule a date.

ADJOURNMENT: upon a motion by Ms. Griffin, seconded by Ms. Harden, it was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p. m.

Respectively Submitted,

Laurell Barr