

MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
June 7, 2016

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The regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday June 7, 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-Christine Griffin.
Members in attendance –Gail Liscio, Florence Kokoruda, Donna Caserta, Patricia Ritchie, Barbara Julian, Jen Reiley-Young, Christine Griffin
Others in attendance: Rita Scacchia

1. Accept Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Meeting — A motion was made by Ms. Fariss, seconded by Ms. Caserta to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Reports
 - a. Financial Report — Ms. Fariss reported that 96.5% of the yearly budget has been spent. \$283.10 remains for FY 15/16. The FY 16/17 budget will be on-line on the Town’s website shortly. Discussed: Payment for the Newspaper ad.

 - b. Updates on Kiosk — Ms. Caserta reviewed her previously sent e-mail re: the slow-moving repair Project. She will contact the Boy Scout re: the July 15 deadline for completion. The Farmers’ market will open June 20 on Paradise Green.

 - c. Review of Greensweep: recommendations — The consensus of committee is not to participate in the event next year.

 - d. Review of Town hall Plantings — Chad Esposito’s, Director of Parks, e-mail was reviewed which stated:

“ran out of flowers for planters in Paradise Green area; Town hall was mulched on Saturday by Brickman, Brickman will also be weeding, trimming and pruning the entire season. Size and detailed nature of the plantings are too much for Dept. to handle.

The Ilex will be trimmed into a hedge this fall. They need more time to mature and they will be cut in the fall when it is less stressful. The sprinklers are on. The grass and two honor garden areas will be watered every night.”

Discussion arose re: Honor Garden is Beautification’s responsibility, length of time the sprinkler is running, the lamppost is gone, remediation/suggestions

 - e. Curb Appeal Project — Council members will be asked to nominate properties for this project. When the new nomination forms are complete, they will be on-line. Other locations for placing the forms were mentioned. Award categories were discussed.

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- Date for review of properties — The nomination period will be from June 13 to July 15. Nominated property review will take place July 22. Committee will request using the Sterling House van.
- Set date for all awards — The awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in Council chambers.

3. New Business.

- Dog litter, signage. Signage is now placed on Park Blvd. Discussed: Dog leash laws and use of the sign-making machine, littering laws. Ms. Reiley-Young will research leash laws and dog-litter laws (if any).
- Ms. Scacchia researched State and other towns/communities performance of their Beautification projects. All those researched, work directly with the available Public Works Departments.
- Discussed: Quarterly business awards, soliciting ideas for the town to look better, tree/sapling give-away, home improvement recognition program. Ms. Scacchia will research award criteria for business and home improvements. Ms. Ritchie will inquire with the GBRC to explore obtaining assistance for projects.

Adjournment — Upon a motion by Ms. Fariss, seconded by Ms. Kokoruda, it was passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Cabral, Secretary