

**MINUTES OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 2, 2016**

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The regularly scheduled Beautification Committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday August 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.  
Committee Members in attendance –Gail Liscio, Florence Kokoruda, Donna Caserta, Patricia Ritchie, Rita Scacchia, Christine Griffin, Tina Manus  
Others in attendance — Eighth District Council Member J. Vincent Chase

1. Accept Minutes of the July 5, 2016 Meeting — A motion was made by Ms. Caserta, seconded by Ms. Kokoruda to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Introduction of Council Member J. Vincent Chase. Mr. Chase presented a short Bio.
3. Reports
  - a. Financial Report — Ms. Griffin presented an update stating that the budget amount is \$8,000.00. One expense is submitted for a newspaper article.
  - b. Council report — Tina Manus/J. Vincent Chase. Ms. Griffin will be attending the Public Works committee meeting of Aug. 15 re: communications with Town of Stratford Staff and Beautification projects. Mr. Chase spoke of the Town Budget for purchasing trees and also perspective donors of trees to be planted.
  - c. Report on Public Works meeting — Ms. Griffin and Ms. Caserta met with Ms. Batoh, Town of Stratford Conservation Administrator, and discussed:
    - Poor communication exists with Town of Stratford staff. Ms. Griffin pointed out the amount of time it took to repair the Town Hall watering system and not placing down mulch for the Honor Garden. The bags of mulch are sitting on the Town hall grounds.
    - Paradise Green efforts – Ms. Caserta reported that the kiosk, the Eagle Scout project, will be completed by the end of the summer. The base of the kiosk has dry rot and will need to be replaced. Discussion went on re: landscaping design, plastic flowers, lampposts.
    - Trees. Many Town Trees are cut down and left with no plans for removal and replanting.
  - d. Curb appeal contest – No report.
  - e. Quarterly Awards for Business Beautification — Ms. Scacchia has no report.
  - f. Baldwin Center Meeting — Ms. Griffin said the grounds of the Baldwin Center are messy and weedy.

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- g. Beautification Awards Program — Responsibility assignments: Ms. Scacchia – technology; Ms. Fariss – punch; Ms. Caserta – cookies; Ms. Griffin – table arrangements. Letters will be mailed to award recipients and non-award applicants. Discussed also: award categories.
- h. Daffodil Bulb order — Beautification Committee will have a table at the Farmers market and at the Boothe Park Pumpkin Festival (Oct. 15).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. RITCHIE, SECONDED BY MS. SCACCHIA TO ORDER DAFFODIL BULBS FROM COLOR BLENDS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- i. Planters for Baldwin Center — Ms. Griffin wants to obtain Planters for Baldwin Center wheel-chair bound patrons to perform plantings. As the Ella Grasso Center is closing, Ms. Ritchie will contact them for possible donation of planters.
4. New Business — None.

Adjournment — Ms. Kokoruda motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Ms. Ritchie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Cabral, Secretary