

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

August 21, 2018

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Karla Callahan
Audrey Dwane
Gina Fusick
Helen Lawrenchuk
Tara Marshall
Linda Parrotta
William Raymond
Nancy Robinson

Members Absent:

Joel Cox

Also Present:

Al Fini
Chris Golba

Ms. Baldwin called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes – July 24, 2018

Motion made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Lawrenchuk to approve the July 24, 2018 minutes as written. All in favor.

2. Fall Projects

Mums will be planted in the urns at Town Hall.

3. Discussion - Paver Program for CT River Walk and Bike Way

Ms. Dwane contacted Smith Monuments in Westfield and received an estimate of \$300 for a paver similar to the existing ones from the last program. The members discussed using a smaller paver to lower the cost. Ms. Fusick suggested creating a small area to show what it would look like, and then install the pavers in different phases. Ms. Baldwin suggested this should be a project for next spring, which would give the Committee time to come up with a marketing strategy and new location for the pavers.

Motion made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Dwane to keep Item #3 on the agenda until the next meeting. All in favor.

4. Correspondences

The Beautification Committee site at Main Street and Elm Street was damaged from what appears to be a car accident. Mr. Golba and Ms. Baldwin will look at the damage and the Police Department will be contacted to see if an accident was reported to them.

5. Discussion of any topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate

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Mr. Fini expressed concern for the four barrels next to the benches on School Street and the four barrels in front of Town Hall not getting enough sun. Mr. Fini also said the sign is not tall enough to show in the barrel of impatiens at the Anne Sullivan Memorial.

Mr. Raymond said the landscaping around the gazebo at the Anne Sullivan Memorial is overgrown. The Committee members discussed including the gazebo as one of the areas they maintain.

Motion made by Ms. Parrotta and seconded by Ms. Fusick to include the gazebo at the Anne Sullivan Memorial as an area the Beautification Committee maintains. All in favor.

Mayor Sapelli attended part of the meeting, and brought up a suggestion, by a member of the community, for a Welcome to Feeding Hills sign at the end of Route 57 on South Westfield Street.

Motion made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Callahan to include a discussion about a Welcome to Feeding Hills sign at the end of Route 57 on the Committee's next agenda. All in favor.

There was a discussion about the trash issue at Pynchon Point, especially in the parking lot. The Committee members came up with some possible solutions, including speaking with the Building Inspector and sending letters to nearby business owners asking for assistance in maintaining the parking lot.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM