

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

February 20, 2018

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Joel Cox
Audrey Dwane
Gina Fusick
Helen Lawrenchuk
William Raymond

Members Absent

Linda Parrotta
Nancy Robinson

Also Present:

Michelle Chase
Dawn Nims
Christopher Golba
Al Fini

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

Motion made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Lawrenchuk to take the meeting out of order. All in favor.

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

Town Engineer Michelle Chase and Civil Engineer Dawn Nims gave a presentation about a Commonwealth Places Grant that has been applied for. If received, any donations given towards the specified project, during a specific time period, would be matched by MassDevelopment up to \$50,000. Ms. Chase gave a few suggestions, such as planters along Walnut Street Ext. or a pocket park at Walnut St. Ext. and Springfield Street. Ms. Baldwin asked the committee members to think about some ideas for where this funding could be used for the next meeting.

Mayor Sapelli stopped by to meet the committee members and expressed his appreciation for the Beautification Committee's efforts to help beautify the Town.

Motion made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fusick to put the meeting back in order. All in favor.

1. Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2017

Motion made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Lawrenchuk to approve the October 17, 2017 minutes as written. All in favor.

2. Budget Review

The committee members reviewed the amounts spend on each project last year and reviewed the current budget. Ms. Baldwin stated the current balance will fund the committee's current projects, but may not allow for anything new this year.

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3. Spring Projects

Main Street – The members discussed possibly augmenting the some of the plantings on Main Street to perennial varieties that would stand up to the snow, ice and salt better.

Sponsor a Barrel – Mr. Fini stated he will begin planting the barrels around April 1st. New locations will need to be found for the barrels that are displaced during the Morgan Sullivan Bridge Project.

Connecticut River Walk and Bike Path – Mr. Golba asked how much money was left over in the bike path account. The Planning Department has utilized the left over funds to pay a landscaper to perform a spring and fall clean up and to mow the grassy areas along the bike path and Pynchon Point. The decorative beds along the bike path and Pynchon Point are maintained by the Beautification Committee.

4. Potential New Programs

Sponsor a Barrel – Committee members agree that the Sponsor a Barrel program should be opened up to those who want to sponsor a barrel in memory of a loved one.

5. Meeting Times

The committee members agree on meetings being scheduled at 3:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

6. Correspondences – None

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM