

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

September 18, 2018

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Karla Callahan
Audrey Dwane
Gina Fusick
Tara Marshall
William Raymond

Members Absent:

Joel Cox
Helen Lawrenchuk
Linda Parrotta
Nancy Robinson

Also Present:

Al Fini
Chris Golba

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

1. Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2018

Motion made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Callahan to approve the August 21, 2018 minutes as written. All in favor.

2. Discussion – Route 57 Sign

Ms. Baldwin advised there is a small triangular island in between the two off ramps where Route 57 meets S. Westfield Street. This property is owned by the State, and the Committee would need to have their consent to move forward. Ms. Baldwin also contacted Moren Signs, and is waiting for them to provide a quote and rendering of the proposed sign.

Motion made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Dwane to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting. All in favor.

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

A subcommittee, including Ms. Callahan, Ms. Dwane and Ms. Marshall, provided a packet of information to the Committee members. Included in the packet were pictures of potential sites on the bike path for the paver program and ideas for new memorial programs, such as engraving wooden planks on a decorative bridge. The Committee discussed reaching out to Chris Sparks to see if there are any locations at School Street Park for a new Memorial Garden. Ms. Dwane spoke with Memorial Monument in Wilbraham, who would be able to engrave the existing curbing near the southern set of benches on the bike path. Ms. Baldwin suggested meeting at the Bike Path at the beginning of the next meeting to look over potential sites, the Committee members agreed.

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Motion made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Marshall to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting. All in favor.

4. Correspondences

A letter was received from Mayor Sapelli thanking the Committee members for all they do.

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

Mr. Fini said the flower barrels at Town Hall and on School Street look much better this month. It may be beneficial to use impatiens next year because of the amount of shade at those locations. Mr. Fini said its possible weed killer was used near one of the barrels in front of the Main Street cemetery.

Mr. Raymond said the landscaping gazebo near the Anne Sullivan Memorial looks great since the Beautification Committee adopted the site.

Ms. Baldwin gave an update on the garden at Main Street and Elm Street. There were no accidents reported in the area where the damage was found. Ms. Baldwin has asked DeCaro to clean up the garden, and is working on having the plaque affixed on the stone.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM