

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

August 15, 2023

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Paul Paleologopoulos
Marianne Joyce
Gina Fusick
William Raymond

Members Absent:

Krista Sapelli
Tara Cross
Karla Callahan

Also Present:

Stefanie Kesecker
Al Fini

Chairperson Baldwin called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

1. Approval of Minutes-July 18, 2023

Motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Joyce to approve the July 18, 2023 meeting minutes.

VOTE 5-0-0

2. Barrels

Mr. Fini stating he is trying to keep the barrels dry due to the heavy rainfall this season. He stated the barrels are doing well considering the amount of rain. He stated he has applied fungicide twice. Ms. Baldwin asked Mr. Fini how long the petunias would look healthy. He stated probably another month and we could talk more at the next meeting regarding the barrels. Mr. Raymond stated the baskets on the Memorial Bridge look very healthy and are enhancing the bridge.

Motion was made by Ms. Fusick and seconded by Mr. Paleologopoulos to keep this item on the agenda.

VOTE 5-0-0

3. Pynchon Point

Ms. Baldwin spoke of landscaping and cleaning the parking lot in this area due to the high pedestrian and other traffic. She stated the Committee would address this issue in next months'

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meeting. Ms. Fusick stated the water level is still very high at this time and lot of bacteria in the area. The Committee members agreed to speak about this agenda item at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Joyce to keep this item on the agenda.

VOTE 5-0-0

4. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence under this agenda item

5. Any topics the Chair did not reasonably anticipate

Ms. Baldwin stated she had spoken to Michael Squindo, Director of the Senior Center in regards to the maintenance of the recent project in front of the Senior Center that the Beautification Committee had completed. Mr. Squindo informed Ms. Baldwin that Friends of the Senior Center had funds to take care of the weeding and maintenance of this area. He stated he would meet with them to discuss upkeep.

Ms. Baldwin stated she would like to create an application for future projects that individuals could submit to the Committee. These applications would be reviewed at Committee meetings by the members before any work would occur. The application/agreement would explicitly state that the person or entity requesting the Beautification project would be responsible for ongoing maintenance. She went on to say while there could be no real enforcement if someone did not do aftercare, it could preclude them from getting further projects with the Beautification Committee. Ms. Fusick stated this was a good idea and the onus would be on the owner to complete the maintenance. Ms. Baldwin stated this would take working with the Town Solicitor and other Town departments before this formal application could be enacted.

Ms. Baldwin briefly spoke about possible future projects: the new Police Department, the back of the Senior Center, Town Hall, and Pynchon Point. She stated water access was something the Committee needed to consider for any future projects.

Ms. Baldwin stated that the Anne Sullivan memorial was cleaned and new mulch added. She stated the area is looking nice and the plants that the Committee planted are thriving.

Motion was made by Ms. Joyce and seconded by Ms. Fusick to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.