

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

February 21, 2023

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Krista Sapelli
Linda Parrotta
William Raymond

Also Present:

Al Fini
Stefanie Kesecker

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

1. Approval of Minutes-November 15, 2022

Motion was made by Ms. Cross and seconded by Mr. Paleologopoulos to approve the minutes of November 15, 2022.

VOTE 5-0-0

2. Barrels

Ms. Baldwin and the members decided to keep the same color of Petunias for the barrels. She stated there was about 50 barrels last year. Mr. Fini suggested Obrien's corner as a location.

Motion was made by Ms. Fusick and seconded by Ms. Cross to keep this item on the agenda for the March 21, 2023 meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

3. Light Pole Planters

Ms. Baldwin stated she would speak to DPW in regards to lowering the planters this year to make watering them easier. She stated we would be using Western Mass Growers and either be

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sponsoring all 4 planters or 2 if the West Springfield Garden Club decides to partner with us on this project. Ms. Cross asked if purple could be used like in the barrels. Ms. Baldwin stated different plants have to be used in the planters, as they dry out quickly.

Motion was made by Mr. Paleologopoulos and seconded by Ms. Cross to keep the Light pole planters on the agenda.

VOTE 5-0-0

4. Anne Sullivan Memorial

Ms. Baldwin stated the Committee will just be doing perennial plantings around the gazebo, as bulbs were planted in the fall. Ms. Joyce suggested purple pine cone Rudbeckia. Mr. Fini stated this area gets a lot of shade and these plants need at least partial sunlight. Ms. Baldwin stated some Hostas would be planted. Ms. Cross suggested planting Phlox. Ms. Baldwin stated Phlox are ground plants and something is needed in this area that is resistant. Ms. Joyce then suggested planting Salvia, but Mr. Fini stated these plant need sun and this area is not sunny.

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

VOTE 5-0-0

5. Other Projects

New projects for the upcoming season include revitalizing the area in front of Giovannis' and along Main Street, near Elm Street. The area was cleaned up nicely last season by the Committee and Ms. Baldwin would like to plant the area heavily this year with perennials and other plants, and to put plants against the boulders to make the site more vivid. She will approach CPA for possible funding as these will be new plantings, and Beautification will maintain the site. Ms. Baldwin stated Mr. Raymond would assist with flower/plant ideas for this area. Mr. Fini asked if there would be any annuals or just perennials and Ms. Baldwin stated water was a major issue at that location and plantings will be chosen accordingly. Ms. Baldwin stated she would like this to be on the next agenda "Main Street Project."

Motion was made by Ms. Joyce and seconded by Ms. Fusick to add the Main Street Project to the next agenda.

VOTE 5-0-0

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6. Correspondence

The Beautification Committee reviewed a draft of a letter to Advertiser, letter to potential sponsors for the barrel program, a sponsor sheet, and discussed a separate letter to those who have already donated. Ms. Cross will try to work with Les Tingley on adding a few things to the Beautification Page, to attract potential sponsors this way. Ms. Kesecker will redraft the letters, so they can be sent to all the local businesses for sponsorship. Mr. Paleologopoulos asked if the name was Adopt a Barrel or Sponsor a Barrel. Ms. Baldwin stated Adopt a Barrel.

Ms. Joyce stated she is waiting on the Garden Club to open to see if they want to partner with us on plant sales.

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

Nothing for this agenda item.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm