

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

March 15, 2022

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Karla Callahan
Tara Marshall
Linda Parotta

Members Absent:

Gina Fusick
William Raymond

Also Present:

Al Fini

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

1. Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2022

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Callahan to approve the minutes of October 19, 2022 as written.

VOTE 4 - 0

2. Barrels

Mr. Fini stated that he is planning on doing 80 barrels like the previous year with a price of \$100.00 and with the price of gas raising, the price of the barrels may need to be revisited. Ms. Baldwin stated that this item should remain on the agenda in case the cost of the barrels needs to be revised.

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Callahan to keep the item on the agenda.

VOTE 4 - 0

3. Light Pole Planters

Mr. Fini stated they had intended to put up 8 planters, 6 for Agawam and 2 for West Springfield, which were ordered from West Springfield. Ms. Baldwin stated that this project was talked about last fall and the Mayor was on board with the idea. Pat from the West Springfield Garden Club contacted Ms. Baldwin stating they were willing to pay for two light pole planters on the bridge while Agawam will pay for the other two. She stated this project is part of the whole beautification of the entry way to Agawam and that she will talk to Procurement regarding the

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brackets that still need to be ordered. Ms. Baldwin asked whether Mr. Fini would be maintaining the planters and at what cost. Mr. Fini stated yes, at a cost of \$100 each since they have to be watered every other day. Mr. Fini will be maintaining the two for West Springfield as well.

Motion was made by Ms. Parotta and seconded by Ms. Marshall to keep Light Pole Planters on the agenda.

VOTE 4 - 0

4. Correspondence – The committee received a correspondence from Pat at the Garden Club in West Springfield which was discussed during the Light Pole Planters agenda item. Ms. Baldwin relayed that Pat was pleased that the planters only cost \$45 and will be paying Mr. Fini to water them.

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

Ms. Baldwin noted that she has been working with Michelle Chase, Town Engineer, on plans for the Walnut Street for next year to go in and beautify the entrance. She stated there are still 11 planters stored from last year that can be utilized for this project. Ms. Baldwin is going to apply for CPA funds for new plants and planters, though CPA funds cannot be used for maintenance.

Ms. Marshall gave an update on the Facebook Page stating that 39 people are following the page and are hoping to put up some more pictures.

Ms. Parotta asked if anything would be done around the gazebo. Ms. Baldwin stated that that has happened in the past and hoping CPA funds could help pay for new plants for the gazebo. Ms. Baldwin stated that it would be nice to get something planted in that area that is visually appealing but doesn't require a lot of maintenance.

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Marshall to adjourn at 3:23 pm.

VOTE 4 - 0

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 19th, 2022

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