

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

March 21, 2023

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Tara Cross
Paul Paleologopoulos
William Raymond
Gina Fusick
Karla Callahan

Members Absent:

Marianne Joyce
Krista Sapelli
Linda Parrotta

Also Present:

Al Fini
Stefanie Kesecker

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

1. Approval of Minutes-February 21, 2023

Motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Fusick to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023.

VOTE 6-0-0

2. Barrels

Ms. Baldwin asked Mr. Fini if he had any information or updates on the barrels. He stated the cuttings come in next weeks and things will be ready to go. Mr. Fini suggested getting a picture of a barrel with the sign in it, so people can see what a sponsored barrel looks like. Mr. Raymond stated he may have a picture of a barrel with the flowers and sign. Ms. Kesecker will work with Mr. Raymond to see if there is a workable picture to place on the correspondence.

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

VOTE 6-0-0

3. Light Pole Planters

Ms. Baldwin stated she spoke to Pat Garbacik from the West Springfield Garden Club. Ms. Baldwin spoke to Western Growers and the price last year was \$49 and if there is an increase in

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price this year, it should be minimal. Ms. Baldwin gave this information to Ms. Garbacik. Ms. Baldwin spoke to Howard Rogers DPW Superintendent Highway/Grounds and he will help lower the brackets. West Springfield will be in charge of two of the baskets and watering on the bridge. Ms. Baldwin stated once the planters are ready and the weather the light pole planters will be hung.

Motion as made by Ms. Cross and seconded by Ms. Callahan to keep this item on the agenda.

VOTE 6-0-0

4. Anne Sullivan Memorial

Ms. Baldwin stated the area is pretty clean and when the weather is right the Committee will do some plantings. Ms. Baldwin stated Mr. Paleologopoulos took off the bows from around the gazebo. Decaro Landscaping cleaned it up last season and put down mulch. Ms. Baldwin stated the area should be ready for planting around the end of April and the beginning of May.

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

VOTE 6-0-0

5. Main Street Project

This project will be in front of Giovanni's on Main Street and more flowers will be planted. Mr. Paleologopoulos stated the bulbs that were planted in the fall are sprouting. Mr. Raymond gave the Committee handouts with the various perennials that could be planted at this location. Ms. Baldwin stated perhaps the business would allow the Committee to use their water source.

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

VOTE 6-0-0

6. Correspondence

Nothing under this agenda item.

7. Tuckahoe

Ms. Baldwin stated that Henry Kozloski, Chairperson for the Community Preservation Committee, approached her in regards to future work at this location, where they will be benches in a proposed recreational area and his interest in the Beautification Committee doing some plantings or barrels. Ms. Baldwin asked Mr. Kozloski if there would be in ground irrigation and he wasn't sure. Ms. Baldwin stated this would be a possible future project, but would depend on water accessibility as well as the maintenance involved.

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

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Motion as made by Mr. Paleologopoulos and seconded by Ms. Fusick to take agenda item 9 out of order.

VOTE 6-0-0

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

Ms. Baldwin spoke about Federal Street and doing some planting in a small round raised bed. A past Committee member planted marigolds there and Ms. Baldwin would like to clean up the area.

Motion was made by Ms. Cross and seconded by Ms. Callahan to put the agenda back in order.

VOTE 6-0-0

8. Letters

Committee members went over the letters to be sent to past sponsors, potential new donations, and to the Advertiser. The flyer and the order sheet were also discussed. Ms. Callahan is going to go over the letter and edit them. The Committee decided to have the letters sent April 15, 2023 and the advertisement run April 25th, 2023. Ms. Kesecker will speak to the IT Department to see if a payment sheet and flyer can be placed online.

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

VOTE -6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:51pm.

VOTE 6-0-0