

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

April 19th, 2022

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Karla Callahan
Tara Marshall
Linda Parotta
Marianne Joyce

Members Absent:

Gina Fusick
William Raymond

Also Present:

Al Fini

Chairperson Baldwin welcomed the newest member, Marianne Joyce, to the committee and called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2022

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Joyce to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 with the following correction: list William Raymond as absent.

VOTE 5 - 0

2. Barrels

Mr. Fini brought in plant samples and explained the process of getting the plants ready for planting in the barrels. It was explained that the barrels will go out after June 1st but before Father's Day, with an adoption fee of \$100.00 per barrel. There will be 80 barrels in total. Ms. Callahan suggested and offered to revamp the barrel order form. She will go to Fini's Farm to take pictures for the Facebook page. Ms. Marshall took pictures of the plant samples brought to the meeting which also will go on the Facebook page.

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

VOTE 5 - 0

3. Light Pole Planters and Brackets

Ms. Baldwin spoke with Howard Rogers at the DPW and he researched and found brackets. He provided pictures of the two options, with one option being \$110.00 each available in 2 weeks, and a second option of \$250.00 each available in 6 weeks. The committee decided to go with option one and order six for a total of \$660.00 plus tax and shipping costs.

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Motion was made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Joyce to order the brackets as described for a total of \$660.00 plus tax and shipping costs.

VOTE 5 - 0

There will be an additional two planters to be ordered for West Springfield. Ms. Baldwin will pass this information along to Jennifer Bonfiglio the procurement officer.

Motion was made by Ms. Parotta and seconded by Ms. Joyce to order two additional planters for West Springfield.

VOTE 5 – 0

Motion was made by Ms. Parotta and seconded by Ms. Joyce to keep the item on the agenda.

4. Any other projects that may come up

Ms. Baldwin suggested planting around the gazebo at the Anne Sullivan Memorial and asked the committee to think about the project for discussion at the next meeting, including what type of plants. Ms. Baldwin will contact the DPW about grading by the ramp before planting is done.

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

VOTE 5 – 0

5. Correspondence – None

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

The Agawam Beautification Committee received a donation for \$200.00 to sponsor two barrels from Anthony Russo. The Committee is requesting an updated member list and a list of all adopted sites prior to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Joyce to adjourn at 3:59 pm.

VOTE 5 - 0

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 24th, 2022