

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

July 19, 2022

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Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair  
Tara Marshall  
Karla Callahan  
William Raymond

Members Absent:

Krista Sapelli  
Linda Parotta  
Marianne Joyce  
Gina Fusick

Also Present:

Al Fini  
Stefanie Kesecker  
Taryn Egerton

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Chairperson Baldwin called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes June 21, 2022

Motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Marshall to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022 as written.

VOTE 4 – 0

2. Barrels

Mr. Fini advised the Committee that things were different this year, but no problems. Ms. Baldwin noted that \$4,800 in donations has been received to this point. She stated last year that \$5,600 had been received. She said that she dropped off several fliers to past donors. Ms. Baldwin suggested obtaining a list of businesses in the industrial park and send letters to them for donations. Ms. Baldwin asked Ms. Callahan to follow up with J.J's Soft Serve about a donation.

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

VOTE 4 - 0

3. Light Pole Planters and Brackets

Ms. Baldwin said that the brackets are in. Jen Bonfiglio in Procurement secured funds to affix the brackets to the poles. DPW will install the brackets. Mr. Fini advised that the planters that were being held, were inadvertently sold. There are no planters available for the bridge as this time.

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Ms. Baldwin would like Ms. Kesecker to send a letter of intent to Western Grower to see if he would have any fall or Christmas flowers and also his intent for next year.

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

VOTE 4 - 0

### 4. Anne Sullivan – Plant Choices

Ms. Baldwin said that shaded plants may work best here. Mr. Raymond had a list of such plants, including, dicentra, primula, hostas. Ms. Baldwin brought up the difficulty of getting water from the school.

Motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Marshall to keep the item on the Agenda.

Vote 4 - 0

### 5. Any other projects that may come up

Ms. Baldwin brought up the need for landscaping at the library, and the issues with drainage. She would like to see the project landscaped and funded. Ms. Baldwin stated she was attending a special CPA meeting on July 20, 2022 with a 430 application to ask for additional \$40,000 in funds from CPA for the project and for the next 3 years for new projects, that would include the library, town hall, and Walnut Street Extension along the bike path. Old projects would include, Pynchon Point, School Street Park, and Main St. Corridor.

Ms. Baldwin also stated that a memorial had been placed at School St. Park for Gina Letellier. Chris Sparks, with Parks and Recreation would like to erect a plaque. The park groundkeepers would maintain the memorial. The committee was given permission to use plantings from the newly acquired HUB building for other beautification sites.

### 6. Correspondence

Ms. Egerton advised committee she received a call from the Historical Society about barrels in front of the firehouse museum.

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

Mr. Fini stated that he had watered the restored area in front of Giovanni's 6 times. Ms. Baldwin advised she would like to see more outreach in the coming year for funding. Ms. Kesecker is going

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to work on creating a list of all the local business, so that she can mail letters for next year to generate more funding. Ms. Baldwin would also like a letter sent to the advertisers.

Motion made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Marshall to adjourn at 3:53pm

VOTE 4 - 0

The next meeting will be Tuesday AUGUST 16, 2022