

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

August 17, 2021

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Karla Callahan
Tara Marshall
Gina Fusick

Members Absent:

Linda Parotta
William Raymond

Also Present:

Al Fini

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

1. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2021

Motion made by Ms. Fusick and seconded by Ms. Marshall to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021 as written.

VOTE 4-0

2. Barrel Update

Mr. Fini said he is anticipating that the price for the barrels for next season will be increased to \$100 per barrel as all of his costs are up.

Motion was made by Ms. Fusick and seconded by Ms. Callahan to revisit the barrel prices at the first meeting in the spring based on economics.

VOTE 4 - 0

3. Facebook Discussion

Ms. Callahan said they have not started the Facebook page yet. Suggestions for the page were discussed including focusing on 1 adopted site at a time, “Where in Agawam is this sight?”, and a plant advice section with Mr. Fini.

Ms. Baldwin noted that a letter of thanks was sent to the editor of the Agawam Advertiser recognizing all those who donated to the barrel program. She will be sending another letter outlining the Committee’s adopted sites, their maintenance and to invite membership.

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

VOTE 4 - 0

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4. New Light Project

Ms. Baldwin presented a project regarding placing 4 hanging planters on the new light posts on the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge. She spoke with the Town's Engineer, the Mayor and Jen Bonfiglio, the Procurement Officer, about the project. She noted that CPA funds could be used to buy the baskets. Ms. Baldwin showed pictures of some ideas for the hanging baskets. She also said there are 32 of this type of light pole throughout the town and suggested that perhaps they could include those in the project in phases starting with the bridge. The bridge plantings are on hold until the state signs off on the bridge project as being completed. The Mayor is going to check with West Springfield to see if they may contribute as well. He also said that there may be money available from the bridge project. Ms. Baldwin said she would find different ideas for the planters. Mr. Fini noted that a decision for next year would have to be made by January for the plantings to be ready.

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Marshall to keep the new light project on the agenda.

VOTE 4 – 0

5. Discussion of any topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate - No discussion

6. Correspondence - none

Motion was made by Ms. Fusick and seconded by Mrs. Marshall to adjourn at 3:40 pm.

VOTE 4 - 0

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 21, 2021

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