

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

October 18, 2022

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Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair  
Tara Marshall  
Karla Callahan  
Marianne Joyce

Members Absent:

Krista Sapelli  
Linda Parrotta  
William Raymond  
Gina Fusick

Also Present:

Al Fini  
Stefanie Kesecker

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

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Marshall to take the agenda items out of order.

VOTE 4-0-0

2. Barrels

Pat Garbacik Chair of the West Springfield Beautification Committee and Paula Vosburg President of the West Springfield Garden Club were present to discuss working with the Beautification Committee for the upcoming season on the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge barrels and flowers project. Ms. Vosburg stated she would like to see maybe 20” barrels instead of 16”. Mr. Fini felt the weight of the bigger barrels may not be practical for the location. Ms. Callahan stated she would like to see something with a brighter color next year and suggested yellow. Ms. Baldwin stated she would like to see the flowers look more vibrant. Ms. Baldwin also suggested using the hangers to possibly have a winter showing. Ms. Vosburg asked if there was a projection of the cost of the project. Ms. Baldwin stated there may be a cost to have an outside contractor service the brackets. Mr. Fini stated he charged West Springfield \$250 and Agawam \$250. Ms. Vosburg stated she would look into seeing if someone from West Springfield could put the brackets up. Ms. Callahan proposed perhaps each year Agawam puts them up and West Springfield could take them down as an alternative. Ms. Baldwin asked the Committee to discuss the type of plants they would like to see. Ms. Garbacik suggest Supertunias as she stated they mount up as they grow and are big and vibrant or yellow Petunias. Ms. Callahan also suggested yellow as a color choice. Ms. Vosburg stated she would speak to their DPW to see if they could put up and take down the brackets. Michelle

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Chase, Town Engineer is going to reach out to DOT to see if the ledge on the bridge can be used for the placement of flowers. Ms. Baldwin is going to Western Growers to see what color choices are available.

3. Light Pole Planters

This agenda item will be discussed at the November 15, 2022 meeting.

4. Ann Sullivan Memorial

The Beautification Committee is going to meet on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at the Ann Sullivan Memorial to do some plantings.

5. Other Projects

Ms. Baldwin informed the Committee that the Library project was now completed.

6. Correspondence

The Beautification Committee will send a Thank you letter for the sponsors of the barrels to Turley Publication as well as a thank you letter for the work that DPW and Parks and Recreation did on the Gina Letellier Memorial at School Street Park.

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

There were no items for this meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes-August 16, 2022

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Marshall to approval the August 16, 2022 minutes.

VOTE 4-0-0

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Callahan to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.