

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

June 21, 2022

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Tara Marshall
Karla Callahan
Marianne Joyce
William Raymond
Gina Fusick

Members Absent:

Krista Sapelli
Linda Parotta

Also Present:

Al Fini
Hope Goff

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

1. Approval of Minutes May 24, 2022

Motion was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Marshall to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022 as written.

VOTE 5 – 0 – 1 (Fusick)

2. Barrels

Mr. Fini advised the Committee that the barrels were placed throughout the town on June 11 & 12, 2022. He also provided a list of the barrel locations. Ms. Baldwin noted that \$3600 in donations has been received to this point. 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. Callahan said she made revisions to the flier and the order form and left the meeting to go home to get them.

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

VOTE 5 - 0

3. Light Pole Planters and Brackets

Ms. Baldwin said that the brackets have been ordered and should arrive between July 4 & July 6, 2022. West Springfield will pay for 2 brackets, Agawam bought 6.

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

VOTE 5 - 0

Ms. Callahan returned to the meeting.

4. Anne Sullivan – Plant Choices

Ms. Baldwin said they will wait until cooler weather to plant bulbs. Mr. Marshall suggested Dianthus be used. Ms. Baldwin noted that the DPW has to do some grading around the ramp to the gazebo before planting.

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

Vote 6 - 0

5. Any other projects that may come up

Ms. Baldwin said that the property in front of Giovani's at the parking lot entrance and the corners, is neglected and overgrown. The DPW will cut down those areas and clean it up this one time then the Beautification Committee will maintain the area in the future. Ms. Baldwin noted that this is a new project with new plantings so CPA money can be used. She added that the landscaper will keep the plantings simple using maybe knockout roses and spirea. It was noted that the new black mulch DeCaro's is using is beautiful.

Chair Baldwin stated that the Committee will not take on Pyncheon Point again. She would like to see businesses in town sponsor and be responsible for the care of some sites in town, focusing on larger businesses.

6. Correspondence - None

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

Mr. Fini asked that the signs be picked up in the fall before he picks up the barrels. Ms. Baldwin said that's fine.

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Callahan to adjourn at 3:45 pm.

VOTE 6 - 0

The next meeting will be Tuesday July 19, 2022