

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

July 20, 2021

Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair
Karla Callahan
Tara Marshall
William Raymond
Linda Parotta
Gina Fusick

Members Absent:

Also Present:

Al Fini

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

1. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2019

Motion made by Ms. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Fusick to approve of 11/19/19 minutes as written.

VOTE 6-0

2. Barrel Update

Chairperson Baldwin said this has been a very good year for the program having received \$5606 to date from the program sponsors. She thanked Mr. Fini for his work with the barrels. The Committee will be posting a thank you letter to all sponsors in the Agawam Advertiser.

Mr. Fini said the price for the barrels may increase next season.

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Parotta to keep the Barrel Program on the Agenda.

VOTE 6 - 0

3. Facebook Discussion

The Committee is creating a Facebook page through the Town website. Ms. Marshall and Ms. Callahan will be heading this up and Jeff Hulbert from the IT Department will be overseeing the Facebook page. Ms. Callahan said the purpose of the Facebook page is to bring attention to the Beautification Committee and all of its projects including the Barrel Program, the pavers on the bike path and the Committee's many sponsored sites throughout the town.

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Motion was made by Ms. Parotta and seconded by Mr. Raymond to keep Facebook on the agenda.

VOTE 6 - 0

4. Update on Adopted Sites

Chairperson Baldwin said she placed bows at the Veterans Green. She noted that Pynchon Point is no longer an adopted site. Ms. Baldwin said she spoke with Michelle Chase in Engineering to discuss ideas to beautify the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge area and the Walnut Street Extension area. Ms. Baldwin suggested 2 benches, a small ornamental tree and barrels on either side for the Walnut Street Extension area. Ms. Chase suggested planters on the bridge. Ms. Baldwin explained that there are CPA funds available for new plantings which does not include maintenance. There was a brief discussion about what to do with the 11 cement planters that were on the old bridge.

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 3:37 pm.

Vote 6-0

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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