

AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

October 17, 2023

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Members Present:

Violet Baldwin – Chair  
Paul Paleologopoulos  
Marianne Joyce (3:10pm)  
William Raymond  
Tara Cross  
Karla Callahan

Members Absent:

Gina Fusick

Also Present:

Stefanie Kesecker  
Al Fini

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

1. Approval of Minutes-September 19, 2023

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Cross to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes.

VOTE 5-0-0

2. Barrels

Ms. Baldwin informed the Committee that all the barrels have been picked up. Ms. Baldwin and Mr. Paleologopoulos also removed signs, and Mr. Fini assisted with removing the signs that were in high traffic areas. Ms. Baldwin stated the signs are now stored at the DPW. The Committee then decided on the choice of Supertunia Hoopla Vivid Orchid Petunias for the next barrel season. The Committee decided at the last meeting to increase the number of barrels this season to 100. Ms. Baldwin also stated there will be barrels on Suffield Street. Ms. Callahan offered to update the order forms to reflect the new petunia choice. Mr. Fini stated there would be no increase in price for this choice of petunias.

Motion was made by Ms. Callahan and seconded by Ms. Cross to approve the Supertunia Hoopla Vivid Orchid Petunias for the 2024 season.

VOTE 5-0-0

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Ms. Joyce entered the meeting at 3:10pm.

### 3. Pynchon Point

Ms. Baldwin informed the Committee that the Westfield River Watershed Association had conducted a large clean up at Pynchon Point on October 14, 2023. Ms. Baldwin also spoke to DPW and several of the trees were trimmed by the DPW. Ms. Baldwin will look at the area and see what else may need done to beautify this location.

### 4. Planters-Bridge

Ms. Baldwin stated she had spoken to Pat Garbacik of the West Springfield Garden Club, and is leaving the decisions about the bridge and plants up to them for the upcoming season. Ms. Garbacik had made a connection with a grower and they will choose the plants for the bridge next Beautification season. Ms. Cross asked when the planters would be taken down. Ms. Baldwin stated if they are not removed she could contact Ms. Garbacik, and if necessary the DPW to have them removed.

### 5. Correspondence

The remaining budget was to be presented at the meeting, but due to conflicts that information had not been given to Ms. Kesecker, but will be available for the members at the next meeting.

A draft of a thank you letter to all the barrels sponsors was presented to the Committee and edited by Ms. Callahan and will be submitted to the Agawam Advertiser for publication.

Ms. Baldwin stated at the next meeting and the last meeting for the season the Committee will discuss the priorities for next year, as well as discussing the winter tree at the Anne Sullivan memorial.

Ms. Joyce stated the Anne Sullivan Memorial looks great and thanked Mr. Raymond for his efforts.

### 6. Any topics the Chair did not reasonably anticipate

Nothing for this agenda item.

Motion was made by Ms. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Paleologopoulos to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.