

**ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 7:00 pm
Enfield Department of Public Works Building
40 Moody Road, Enfield**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ketchale called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Chairman Darren Ketchale, Vice Chairman Tanya Hughes, Secretary Marilyn Sorenson, Carolynne Surdel, and Jessica Kinelski.

Also present: Ken Boulette – Town Staff Liaison and Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

Absent: Christine Sarles, Joanne Lynch, Lori Unghire, Douglas Finger and Michala Schupp

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 13, 2022 – Ms. Surdel motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Ketchale requested to edit the title from President to Chairman. Ms. Sorenson seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Budget*

Mr. Boulette noted there is \$6,000 available in the budget. He noted there was an email from the Town Manager regarding ideas for Clean Sweep. They could possibly do a shredding event. 360 credit union has done one in the fall. He can reach out to them to see if they would be willing to do one. It cost about \$1,000 for a 4 hour period if they can't get a volunteer to do it. The Town can supply a canister for electronics.

- *Clean Sweep*

Mr. Ketchale questioned if the Town Manager was asking to fund or help coordinate those the ideas.

Mr. Boulette noted she was asking to coordinate.

Ms. Surdel asked if the Garden Club could set up a table to help promote.

Mr. Ketchale noted the way Clean Sweep usually works, people get their stuff and leave to go pick up trash. People don't stay around the Town Hall.

Mr. Boulette noted the Town Manager was trying to get more involvement and entertainment.

Ms. Hughes questioned if they assign specific areas or do people go out on their own.

Mr. Ketchale said they do both, if there is a specific space they want to clean, they will give out the equipment ahead of time or they come pick up the stuff and will give suggestions on where to go clean up.

Ms. Kinelski questioned what happens to the trash after cleanup.

Mr. Ketchale noted they use the existing dumpsters or if there is a larger amount the Town will bring in a claw truck.

Ms. Surdel noted the Garden Club approached Eversource and they are donating seedlings to one of their events, so they may donate to the Clean Sweep.

Mr. Ketchale confirmed they will use the same dumpsters and can get some bags again. The shirts have been ordered. They went with the same logo and design. He ordered 150. There is no year on them so they can be reused if they have any leftovers. They will plan to start at 10 am on the 22nd. Depending on the weather, some folks will work on Sunday, and that is fine too.

If he can secure some type of vendor, they can do a lunch. One year they grilled, and folks did not stick around to eat.

Ms. Kinelski asked if it's advertised in the Newspaper.

Mr. Boulette stated they could do a press release.

Mr. Ketchale questioned if they ever found the signs for clean sweep. He thinks the smaller signs said beautification and the bigger one said clean sweep.

Mr. Boulette noted he will look for them.

- *Adopt a Spot*

Mr. Boulette noted there is one new applicant that wants to put a spot by Home Depot. He explained that it's a dangerous spot and the Town does mow it. He mentioned phoenix ave to them. They are looking for high visibility because they are a newer business in town.

Ms. Hughes stated she had a thought if they had a transit station, was to use the 10 planter boxes to focus on mental health that has information that is free and bilingual. They could plant perennial grasses and annuals for pops of color. A sign of the illness and then places folks could call for help.

Mr. Boulette noted there is one box for the woman's daughter that they haven't done anything with. They haven't contacted the town for signage. They did take one area by the ramp.

Ms. Hughes said she will call around to get pricing and see if there is any interest from mental health professionals to have their information on signs.

- *Garden Club*

Ms. Surdel noted they just had their first meeting they are starting their plants for the flower sale. She is going to pull up the tarp at the end of the month to see what they have and get the seed going and lay out the walkways. She is hoping the seed will take for the pollinator garden.

Ms. Surdel wants to see how much of the landscaping material is usable. She needs to put down mulch over the landscaping material. She will give Mr. Boulette a copy of the design once she lays it out.

Mr. Boulette offered to reach out to Bill's landscaping to see if he will help.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Boulette noted the Welcome to Enfield signs are all in good shape. They have the lending libraries as ideas.

Ms. Surdel noted the Garden Club received a grant from the town to do libraries in the gardens.

Mr. Boulette is going to look at the benches near Freshwater Pond to see if they need to be replaced.

Ms. Surdel made motion to spend up to \$1,000 for supplies and labor at the pollinator garden for mulch, pulling up the tarp and laying the seed. Ms. Kinelski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Surdel made a motion to check the benches around the pond and replace up to two benches for \$4000 either at the Pond or at local town parks. Ms. Sorenson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 5-0-0

Adjournment

Ms. Surdel motioned to adjourn at 7:51 PM, Ms. Hughes seconded the motion, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned.