

ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
Windstream Online Meeting

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ROLL CALL Present for the meeting was Chairman Tim Norris, Vice Chairman Darren Ketchale, Roberta Ladd and Debra Gaskell.

Also present Ken Boulette, Assistant Director – Public Works and Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gaskell motioned to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020. Mr. Ketchale seconded the motion. All were in favor (4-0-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Adopt a Spot- Update – Ms. Gaskell receive a request to reinstate the adopt-a spot on Route 5 and Fairview. The site was a sentimental value to the previous care takers. They want to keep it as a memorial site.

Mr. Norris said he has no problem reinstating the site if they are going to take care of it. It did get overgrown and we didn't receive a response to keep it.

Ms. Gaskell stated the location is busy and you have to park across the street on Fairview to access it. Adults will be taking care of the site, so it is less of an accessibility concern.

Mr. Norris emphasized they need to maintain the site.

Ken Boulette stated if they don't take care of it, they can clear it again.

Mr. Ketchale stated he does not have any concerns reinstating the site.

Mr. Norris questioned if they have submitted a new application.

Ms. Gaskell stated this is just a reach out at this point. She does not recall if there was a sign still there or not. She is assuming they want an update on the sign.

Ms. Gaskell made a motion to reinstate the adopt a spot on Fairview with the stipulation it is maintained. Mr. Ketchale seconded the motion. All were in favor (4-0-0).

She doesn't have any major updates since it's not growing season. If this site becomes active, they will have 16 active sites. Ms. Gaskell will follow up with Mrs. Ladd to see if she was able to get an update on two other sites.

Clean Sweep - Mr. Ketchale stated there is no major update. The event is on hold until it is clear what the environment will be in early winter.

Mr. Boulette reiterated they could help with pickup if there were multiple garbage pickup sites.

Budget - Note: Jack Hartley has an order placed. The purchase req is currently on hold because we gave him an incorrect budget amount.

Mr. Boulette stated the budget was slated for \$750. The only expense was out of the garden club. Mr. Hartley was looking for an additional \$1000. The program has expanded down Hazard Ave and throughout town.

Mr. Norris stated he doesn't think we'd be able to spend as much this year, so he would be happy to give the money.

All of the committee members think it's a great program and agree to allocate more money to the flag program.

Mr. Ketchale Made a motion to add \$1000 to the flag program. Ms. Gaskell seconded the motion. All were in favor (4-0-0).

Mr. Boulette stated Jack was talking about banners to salute our veterans who passed serving our country.

Mr. Norris questioned if they are going to submit the idea to the town manager.

Mr. Boulette stated the program must go before town council. The commemoration flags would be hung on the light poles in Hazardville.

Mr. Boulette stated Mr. Hartley has concerns about how long they will last and the cost of replacing them.

Mr. Norris stated he wants to know more as information comes available. That would need to be separate from the flag program. The Committee can move forward as we get more information.

Mr. Boulette stated budget planning starts in January.

Ms. Gaskell requested everyone on the committee should be active figuring out projects to beautify Enfield for next year.

Mr. Norris stated at the February meeting we will cover the budget and invite the Garden Club to discuss the Welcome to Enfield sign across the Suffield bridge.

Mr. Norris questioned if Mr. Boulette followed up regarding the flagpole at the cemetery.

Mr. Boulette stated it is on private property and if they put up a flag, they must put a light on it.

Mr. Norris stated there are a lot of veterans buried at that cemetery and was curious if we could talk to the owner to see if we could help them. Mr. Norris requested if Mr. Boulette can contact them and see if we could partner with them.

Mr. Ketchale stated they sell solar lights for flag poles to help with cost and maintenance. He suggested the Committee could pitch in for it.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Norris stated we haven't heard from several members in months. He requested what the process is to follow up with them so we could take in new applications. Would Lois have to write them?

Mr. Boulette stated he will have Lois Anderson reach out.

Mr. Norris stated other members haven't responded to e-mails or texts. He wants to find out if they still want to be involved. They are two-year appointments.

Mr. Boulette stated he will follow up on bi laws to see how we can remove folks who aren't showing or responding.

Chairman Norris thanked all the members who actively participate.

Mr. Ketchale questioned how much was left in the budget for the new year.

Mr. Boulette stated they allocated \$1,000 to clean sweep, Garden Club \$2,000 Flags \$1,750 so you have \$4,250 remaining in the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gaskell motioned to adjourn at 7:40 PM, Mr. Ketchale seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (4-0-0).

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 9, 2020.