

**ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
Enfield Department of Public Works Building
40 Moody Road, Enfield**

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Vice Chairman Darren Ketchale, Carolyn Surdel, Michala Schupp, Marilyn Sorenson. There was no quorum.

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

Absent: Christine Sarles

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were tabled due to no quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Budget

Mr. Boulette noted they cannot vote on the budget, but can make recommendations on allocations. The vote is on Monday night. There is \$4,875 left in the budget. Normally they give the garden club \$2,500 but typically they spend \$2,000.

Carolyn Surdel stated they took a vote and will give back any unused funds.

Mr. Boulette stated the pocket park across from the old fire station are looking to spruce up the area. There was a bench at one time, but had removed it due to loitering. They had recommended around \$500 for some new bushes and a tree.

Mr. Ketchale stated the last time the Committee met they talked about using the remainder of the funds for benches at various parks.

Mr. Boulette did get pricing on benches. The benches are about \$420 each without shipping. They are running about 18-20 weeks out. There is another style about \$1500. Four players benches are around \$3500 dollars.

Darren Ketchale stated the pocket park sounded like a good idea as well. Mr. Ketchale passed out the proposal for the budget for next year which includes the lending library.

Michala Schupp had an idea for a native pollinator area at a local park or open space to encourage bees and butterflies.

Carolyn Surdel stated the majority of the work for the pollinator garden is in the beginning, it pretty much takes care of itself after the first year.

Michala Schupp noted it helps with local crops nearby.

Darren Ketchale questioned if there is an area nearby one of the community gardens.

Carolyn Surdel stated there is an area near the Senior Center Community Garden that may be a good fit.

The group agreed they are all in favor for the benches at \$3500. They are in favor for the plantings for the pocket park \$500 and the pollinator park with leftover funds at the senior center.

Carolyn recommended getting the plantings in by mid-June. She thinks they could probably get some donations for seeds and plantings. It likely wouldn't take more than an hour to get the garden in.

b. Adopt a Spot - None

c. Clean Sweep

Darren Ketchale stated clean sweep went very well. They had close to 100 participants at four or five locations. He spoke with Nick Hopkins about someone joining the committee. The new Town Manager asked what they were doing about sponsorships and was going to look into why they could not have sponsorships anymore.

d. Garden Club

Carolyn Surdel stated the Garden Club had a great time at Clean Sweep. Ms. Surdel asked the status on getting planters on the islands.

Mr. Boulette stated they would need to pay police overtime to have folks maintaining the planters and if they do the strip, he's concerned about the damage. There may be some other spots they can discuss. Freshwater might be feasible because it's wider. He was concerned about some of the planter materials because it's fiberglass and doesn't it to get damaged.

Mr. Boulette wanted to know if the committee wants him to ask the Town Manager to move forward with the Budget even though they cannot vote.

The Committee all agreed to move forward.

Michala Schupp asked Ms. Surdel if she could come up with flowers for the garden that would be in that staggered blooming period.

Ms. Surdel Agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM