

**ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 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, Joanne Lynch and Tanya Hughes

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

Absent: Michala Schupp and Marilyn Sorenson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carolyn Surdel made a motion to accept the minutes of May 10, 2022. Darren Ketchale seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved. **Vote 4-0-0**

The Committee went around the room and did introductions for the new committee members.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget

Mr. Ketchale noted they wanted to formally vote on items ending this fiscal year in July.

Mr. Boulette stated his manager spoke with the Town manager because they weren't sure if they'd have a quorum, so he was able to order the benches and they were able to appropriate \$500 for the pocket park for a tree and shrubbery. There is a balance of \$358. That money can be appropriated where they want. They need to total up what is left from the Garden Club.

Mr. Ketchale questioned how many benches were ordered.

Mr. Boulette stated there are 4 players benches and one rod iron park bench.

The Committee agreed with the balance they are going to get plantings for the pollinator park.

Ms. Surdel passed out the ideas for the pollinator park. She noted it is not expensive to buy a combination of seeds. It is a couple of hundred dollars depending on the area. Once it is planted, it should be able to take care of itself.

The Committee confirmed they are going to put it in the Senior center near the community garden, as it would be beneficial to the plants.

Ms. Surdel is estimating the Garden Club will have about \$500 left over. They could do the planting in July. If they got them in the first couple of weeks of July, they should be okay. They could always do some reseeding in the Spring as well.

The Committee agreed to try to buy the seeds now. If they bought too many seeds, they could create a pollinator park at the community garden near the skate park.

Ms. Surdel will send the name of the vendor to Mr. Boulette for the seeds.

Ms. Surdel made a motion to use the leftover funds from the garden club to use for flags and brackets for the flag program. Darren Ketchale seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Vote: 4-0-0**

Ms. Surdel made a motion to use the \$358.46 left in the budget to purchase seeds for the pollinator garden, Ms. Hughes seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Vote: 4-0-0**

Adopt a Spot

Carolyn Surdel visited Maya Mathews at Loaves and Fishes. They are going to take over an Adopt a Spot at Brainard Park.

She spoke with a mother who lost her daughter who wants to do a memorial for her daughter near the pond. The woman was going to take over one of the flower boxes that looks over the pond. Ms. Surdel called her today to follow up for one near the boat launch, but has not heard back from her, so she's not sure what happened.

Ms. Surdel discussed taking a picture of one of the adopt a spots and putting an ad under neath it under the Facebook page to get folks interested in Adopt-A-Spots.

Ms. Unghire asked how many are open.

Mr. Boulette stated about 20.

Ms. Unghire said she can promote at the Town Council meeting. She asked if it was \$100/year for the sign. Mr. Boulette confirmed it is a one time fee.

Clean Sweep – no updates

Garden Club

Ms. Surdel stated they are busy getting ready before planting season ends and before budget ends. They have been doing a cleanup around senior center. Four people went out last Saturday to clean out the invasive plants. They probably won't be done until the end of summer. The soil needs to be refreshed.

Mr. Ketchale asked if they could use the funds to hire a day laborer to do the heavy stuff.

Ms. Surdel stated yes, don't mind doing the sorting through of the invasive plants. When she needs heavier lifting, she reaches out to the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Voting on chairman for next meeting. Mr. Boulette is going to ask Ms. Anderson to help locate and send out the bylaws to see if a secretary needs to be voted on as well and to get the new members acclimated with the bylaws.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Surdel motioned to adjourn at 7:33 PM. Ms. Lynch seconded the motion. All were in favor (4-0-0).