

ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Enfield Department of Public Works Building
40 Moody Road, Enfield
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Sorenson called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Vice Chairperson Tanya Hughes, Secretary Marilyn Sorenson, Carolynne Surdel, Joanne Lynch, Angelica Jechanowski, Jessica Kinelski

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

Absent: Chairperson Darren Ketchale, Lori Unghire and Douglas Finger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled until next meeting – The committee needs to approve the February 2022 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Budget* - Mr. Boulette stated the budget is at \$5,000 gave \$1000 to garden club, worked a deal out with Carr got flag poles for \$105 – available is \$3895. He noted there was a reduction in budget from \$8,000 to \$5,000. There has been a reduction in budgets across the board in several areas.

- *Adopt a Spot* – Mr. Boulette brought up the Adopt-A-spot on Freshwater Blvd. where Home Depot used to maintain it. Mr. Boulette went to visit the business who currently has the spot and has not been maintaining the area; they assured him it would be done by the end of the week and that was four weeks ago. There is another business in town that has requested to take over the maintenance of the Adopt-A-Spot. Mr. Boulette recommended having the Committee vote on removing the current occupant from the location so a new occupant can take over the location.

Ms. Surdel made a motion to remove the occupant from the adopt-a-spot on Elm Street and Freshwater. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 6-0-0.

Tarnow's took over the adopt-a-spot near Longhorn and has cleaned it up a few times. Ms. Hughes noted it was overgrown again. Mr. Boulette noted that they recently cleaned it up. It is a tough location with the invasive weeds and busy location.

- *Little Library boxes* - Mr. Boulette noted there seems to be a lot popping up but they are not all necessarily registered.

Ms. Jechanowski recommended listing them on the town website for free. The Little Library charges a subscription fee. The committee agreed that was a great idea.

- *Garden Club* – Ms. Sorenson does not have any updates but will be attending a meeting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hughes spoke to the sign factory about the mental health resource signs around Freshwater Pond. The sign company would charge \$35 for each sign. There would be a QR code to direct the person to the resource's website. There are ten boxes around the pond.

Mr. Boulette noted one person that lives in the area wanted to be able to use one of the planters.

Ms. Hughes noted May is mental health awareness month and would like to have it set up by then. She is thinking plants that are easy maintenance (perennials).

Ms. Surdel said she may have plants she could divide and donate.

Ms. Hughes said she has a ton of volunteers that can help with planting.

Reminder for committee members to produce new ideas for budget.

The Committee needs to revisit the bylaws.

Carolyn Surdel will make a proposal for a planting for the next meeting at Phoenix Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sorenson motioned to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Ms. Surdel seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Vote: 6-0-0