

**ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 @ 7:00 pm  
Enfield Department of Public Works Building  
40 Moody Road, Enfield**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Tonya Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present for the meeting were Vice Chairperson Tanya Hughes, Secretary Marilyn Sorenson, Carolynne Surdel, Angelica Jechanowski, Jessica Kinelski and Lori Unghire

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

Absent: Chairperson Darren Ketchale, Joanne Lynch, and Douglas Finger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 9, 2023

Ms. Surdel motioned to approve the minutes of September 9, 2023, Ms. Sorenson Seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

**Vote:5-0-0**

**OLD BUSINESS**

• Budget –

Mr. Boulette noted the budget is currently \$3800.

Ms. Surdel made a proposal for an area on Phoenix Ave. near Pet Smart for Spring 2024. It is a 4x10 stretch, to leave enough room for a lawnmower to go around the plantings. \$1500 would cover the area to be rototilled. The \$1500 would cover the plantings. She won't have the exact amount until the new pricing comes in the Spring. She would like to put plantings that are drought tolerant and plant a variety, so something is blooming Spring through Fall.

• Adopt a Spot –

Mr. Boulette noted they removed Troiano from the Freshwater and Elm St location. Garden Solutions went in a few days later and cleaned it up. They won't be able to plant anything until the Springtime.

Ms. Hughes printed the guidelines off the West Brook adopt a spot website. She will send out to the committee.

- Little Library Boxes –

Mr. Boulette spoke with town managers office, and they can put on the little library locations on town page. It's about gathering the information to put them on the town page. There are 7 registered but are a lot more in town.

Ms. Hughes said she can post it on the Town Forum to collect the locations.

- Garden Club

Carolyn Surdel stated the Garden Club is receiving an award for the blue bird houses encouraging blue birds to come back to the area. We've seen a blue bird at one of the farms. Some of the members went on a walk and out of 12 houses, one man only had 1 bluebird.

They received a grant from the Garden Federations to draw them back to Connecticut.

They started collecting seeds for their flower sale next may. They have their holiday party next month with their election of officers.

- Miscellaneous –

Ms. Hughes discussed the bylaws at the last meeting. Mr. Boulette shared a printed version of the bylaws to review. Mr. Boulette will work with the Town Attorney to see if they need to make amendments to articles or need to make motions to approve each article.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

They have the jack o lantern festival, police are having a trunk or treat, Ms. Surdel was wondering if the town would be opposed to have blown up Halloween decorations/bounce houses at the town green for an activity. Mr. Boulet said he will ask.

Ms. Jechanowski noted they are having a Trunk or treat at the town green a few days before Halloween.

Ms. Hughes sent out a list of what other Beautifications Committees are doing.

Ms. Kinelski noted there are a lot of good ideas.

Ms. Hughes made up a timeline of the Mental Health Path. She is going to draft a letter to sponsors to bring to the November meeting. She is hoping to get this going for the beginning of May for mental health awareness month. She said the signs would only take a couple of weeks. We would probably need to buy the post from Home Depot.

Ms. Kinelski asked who would install the signs.

Ms. Hughes noted that the committee would need to do that. Some of the boxes need soil replenished.

She questioned how they get that on the calendar.

Councilperson Unghire stated she will work with the Town Manager to get this on the agenda.

Ms. Hughes noted the side of Enfield Produce they made into a mural.

Ms. Hughes asked if the Beautification Committee can do anything about abandoned properties to make them look nicer.

Mr. Boulette stated that falls more in blight and with the town. Beautification wouldn't have a lot of influence on that issue.

Councilperson Unghire shared an idea she had of decorating powder keg in memory of powder hallow to put around town.

Ms. Hughes asked if they could send out the mailings to the sponsors in the town envelopes.

Mr. Boulette stated he will verify with the Town Manager but doesn't think it will be an issue.

Ms. Hughes is aiming for Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> for the mental health awareness path.

Mrs. Unghire stated the Town Council meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Hughes motioned to adjourn at 7:54 PM, Carolyn Surdel seconded the motion all were in favor. The meeting stood adjourned.

**Vote: 5-0-0**