

**ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday April 21, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Windstream Online Meeting**

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Call to Order

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Roll Call

Present for the meeting were Chairman Timothy Norris, Vice Chairman Darren Ketchale, Secretary Deborah Gaskell, and Roberta Ladd

Also, Present: Joseph Muller – Town Council Liaison, Ken Boulette – Town Staff Liaison, Carolyn Surdel – Enfield Garden Club and Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

Guests: Tracey Jarvis – Community Outreach Pastor, New Day Church and Michala Schupp

Absent: Todd Barsalou, Jacob Nadeau

Approval of the Minutes March 17, 2021

Ms. Gaskell noted to correct her name from Debra to Deborah in the Minutes. Mr. Ketchale motioned to approve the minutes of March 17, 2021. Ms. Gaskell motioned to approve. All were in favor. The minutes were approved (4-0-0).

New Business

Tracey Jarvis introduced herself as the Community Outreach Pastor for New Day Church. Currently the church has the second Saturday of each month dedicated for various volunteer opportunities called “Serve Saturday”. They looking to mobilize teams to serve the community in different capacities. They would love to volunteer for clean sweep, adopt a spot, whatever the committee needs, they would just prefer to be available the second Saturday for their “Serve Saturday” program. They would have less participation if it was outside the parameters. If the Beautification Committee needs supplies for Clean Sweep and other projects, New Day Church can help.

Mrs. Ladd noted the Garden Club is looking for additional help for weeding at the Senior Center and throughout town as well.

Ms. Jarvis stated they would love to help the Garden Club out.

Mr. Muller questioned how many people are usually on a team.

Ms. Jarvis stated each project can determine how many people can be on each team. The church has about 2,000 members and are eager for opportunities.

Ms. Jarvis stated if there are more opportunities outside of Beautification within the Community to please contact her.

Old Business

a. *Budget*

Mr. Boulette stated the budget is still at \$5,000 since the last meeting.

Mr. Norris stated some residents on route 5 are not happy with the trees that are getting taken down on the tree belt and not being replaced. He suggested using some of the leftover funds to replace the trees that were removed along the tree belt.

Mr. Boulette stated he did some asking around and there are a few different projects going on. Friends of the Seniors are donating a bocce ball court. Benches at the town parks are getting old. Lafayette park is being redone. Composite landscape borders are about \$1800-\$2300. The committee could focus on one location or spread it around town.

Mr. Ketchale questioned if the senior center was more decorative vs the benches.

Mrs. Ladd stated if Friends of the Senior center is paying for the bocce ball court, maybe the Committee could pay for landscaping.

Mr. Boulette confirmed that's where he was going.

Ms. Gaskell was thinking the committee could spread it around. Not sure when Lafayette park would start but would be in favor of the work at the park. She questioned what the timeline was.

Mr. Boulette stated he's not sure if it will start now, but they could purchase stuff now or look at next years budget.

Mrs. Ladd questioned how many parks there are in town.

Mr. Ketchale was able to come up with 41 parks on google maps in Enfield.

Mr. Norris stated there is going to be a splash pad put in by Parkman elementary, there is a softball field going in a Brainard park, the fields at Hazardville will be worked on as well, so there are several opportunities to help out around town.

Ms. Surdel questioned if it would be possible for the Garden Club to do the plantings at the senior center since they already have the funds?

Mr. Boulette stated it would.

Ms. Surdel stated she will speak with Nancy to check on the balance it should be close to \$1000 to find out what needs to be planted for annuals by mid-June.

Ms. Gaskell asked about the community garden in Thompsonville.

Mr. Boulette stated he's not sure what is going on in Thompsonville, but they are moving forward with it at the library.

She was curious about how many planter boxes were needed and the sizes.

Mr. Boulette stated they were looking for about 50 planter boxes at the library.

Ms. Gaskell questioned how much did the benches cost us in the past?

Mr. Norris stated they were about \$700/each.

Ms. Gaskell suggested spending \$2150 at Lafayette Park, \$2150 at the Senior Center, and a bench at another park to spread the wealth.

Mr. Norris requested Ken to come with some prices for a bench and estimates for the community garden, the park and make sure that Jack is all set with flags.

b. Adopt a Spot

Ms. Gaskell stated there is no new activity. Looking forward to new plantings and maintenance of current Adopt-a-Spots.

c. Clean Sweep

Mr. Ketchale stated they are looking at September 18th. The general plan would be like previous years. Should still have money set aside for shirts. Will look for a vendor to donate garbage bags. He will reach out to New Day Church if they do not find anyone to help donate supplies.

Ms. Jarvis questioned how many locations are involved with Clean Sweep.

Mr. Ketchale stated most folks meet at the town green. Half a dozen groups will go out to other locations 6-8 locations around town.

d. Garden Club

Mr. Surdel stated Nancy is coming to next meeting. Garden Club is having annual plant sale Saturday May 8th 9 am-1 at the senior center. They are trying to have a meeting room at Fermi and hoping to meet there next month.

Ms. Gaskell stated near North Main street in Thompsonville there are nice tree plantings. There used to be mulch that is almost gone. She questioned if the Beautification committee could use funds to freshen up the area. It's across from where Diana's bakery used to be. Asnuntuck and Main and up to high street.

Mr. Boulette stated buildings and grounds should be able to take care of it.

Adjournment

Ms. Gaskell motioned to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Mrs. Ladd seconded the motion. All were in favor (4-0-0).