

ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Teams Virtual Meeting

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Shirley M. Bailey

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ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Chairman Timothy Norris, Todd Barsalou, Jacob Nadeau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Ladd motioned to approve the minutes the minutes of April 21, 2020. Ms. Gaskell seconded the motion. All were in favor (3-0-0). The minutes were approved.

The Committee requested to be copied on the minutes when submitted to Ms. Anderson, so they are fresher rather than reviewing right before the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Budget* – Mr. Boulette stated he received quotes for heavy duty 6 ft metal benches – which are \$1120, and 8 ft are \$1319 plus shipping. Lafayette park is still moving forward with the renovations. The bocci court is still moving forward. There are other parks in town that could use benches. The metal trash cans on pearl street were \$900.

Mr. Ketchale asked if they are decorative or sports benches.

Mr. Boulette stated they are decorative benches that would last about 30 years.

Mrs. Ladd questioned if they say Enfield on them.

Mr. Boulette stated they do not and those are available for \$1479, probably a little more now.

Mrs. Ladd stated she likes the ones that say Enfield.

Mr. Boulette stated the playground at Lafayette park needs a cabin fiber boundary to keep the mulch in which is around \$2200.

Mrs. Ladd was wondering if we could buy another map stand for the train station like with a picture of the original building.

Mr. Boulette stated the location is not going to work well right now. The area is currently fenced in.

Ms. Gaskell noted at the last meeting they were talking about splitting funds between the senior center and Lafayette.

Mr. Ketchale recommended purchasing three of the Enfield benches and then we'd be at budget.

Mrs. Ladd and Ms. Gaskell agreed those would be worthy projects.

- *Adopt a Spot* - Ms. Gaskell has seen the most activity since she's been involved. She's communicated all the sites available. She has folks that are interested and will get back to them tomorrow. Folks are interested in sites that are already taken. She requested she can work with Ken to identify some new spots.

Mr. Boulette stated he was a little disappointed at the Fairview one since there hasn't been any activity yet.

Ms. Gaskell stated she is hoping maybe folks are waiting until May 15th for plantings to avoid potential frost.

Mrs. Ladd suggested recognizing adopt-a-spots in September or October again.

Ms. Gaskell stated it was our intent to continue and were thrown off with pandemic.

- *Clean Sweep* - Mr. Ketchale stated there was not much to update- September 18th as the planned date. Alexis to share Tracy Jarvis e-mail with Mr. Ketchale.
- *Garden Club* - Carolyn Surdel was thinking of using some of the funds toward the bocci ball court at the senior center for the plantings. They also thought about giving some of the funds back for another site. But they didn't get a full vote. They have some new members and it is mostly elderly, so they couldn't maintain the plantings.

Nancy Wyzga noted that Ms. Surdel checked with Garden's Dream to see if they could purchase trees for the bocci ball court. They would only hold them for two weeks. Carolyn stated the Garden Club is not capable of picking up \$1000 of plants and no place to store until the court is finished.

Mr. Boulette stated buildings and grounds could pick up and plant if they get a layout of where the court is going to be.

Ms. Surdel questioned if Gardens Dream and Home depot the only places they can get purchase orders from?

Mr. Boulette stated if items are going to be purchased out of town, a new account needs to be set up with a w-9.

Mr. Surdel stated she is curious if another nursery was willing to hold the plants until they were ready to plant. Could they find out and would Mr. Boulette help set that up?

Mr. Boulette stated he could help them if they found out that information.

Ms. Surdel questioned if they would they need to notify the town when they need to notify the town when they go to purchase the plants?

Mr. Boulette stated it's something we could discuss with beautification committee what works.

Ms. Surdel stated the timing is short, so she wants to avoid the money going back to the town if possible.

Ms. Ladd stated she would like to avoid that from happening because they lost the money last time it went back.

Ms. Surdel will have an exact figure after Memorial Day because some folks haven't purchased the flowers yet.

Mr. Boulette stated if she can reach out after that they can come up with a plan.

Ms. Wyzga stated if the club agrees to do this, they would they need to get together with whoever is planning the bocci court, to figure out what they can plant.

Mr. Boulette stated he can work with Mark Gahr to coordinate with everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

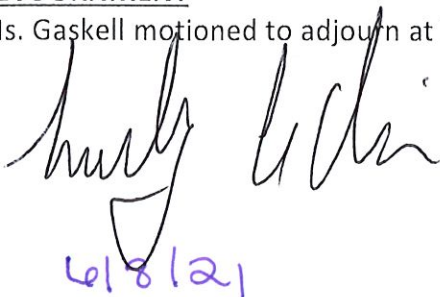
Mr. Ketchale noted the committee needs new members!

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Boulette noted that area near Diana's bakery - buildings and grounds did some mulch around the trees. They are going to be sprucing it up. It was on the Town Manager's radar as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gaskell motioned to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Mrs. Ladd seconded the motion. All were in favor.



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