

## ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:00 pm  
Enfield Department of Public Works Building  
40 Moody Road, Enfield

### MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

**ROLL CALL:** Present for the meeting were Chairman Timothy Norris, Vice Chairman Timothy Norris, Deborah Gaskell, Roberta Ladd and Meghan Mosher.

Also Present: Lois Anderson, Town Liaison, Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary, Bob Saunders (visiting to discuss Adopt-a-spot). Absent: Daren Ketchale

Called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mrs. Ladd motioned to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 with the noted changes, Ms. Gaskell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Community Map Project**- Display Update – No update
- **Adopt a Spot** - Mr. Saunders spoke on behalf of the Adopt a spot with the invasive horsetail.

They received a donation of top soil and plan to clear out the horsetail as much as possible. He met with Daniel Edwards the week prior before Daniel went on vacation. They also want to include the rotary club and chamber of commerce sign. Mr. Saunders gave the signage location proposal to the committee. They are looking to have one facing hazard, one facing phoenix and one facing the highway.

One of the rotary club members has a water truck so they can water the area. They are also looking to install solar lights at the location.

In the event their plan does not keep the horsetail down with the plastic, they have a landscaper that could come in and remove everything.

Ms. Gaskell questioned how different the landscaping proposal is from what is currently there.

Mr. Saunders stated the bushes will remain because they are in good shape. They may eventually do flowers or other plantings, but for the most part, the location will look the same.

Mrs. Ladd said she drives around and looks at the town landscapes, the shopping center across the way has beautiful planters outside, so if the rotary club was stuck deciding on landscape ideas, they could use the large planters.

Ms. Gaskell questioned what the status on the signs.

Mr. Saunders stated he was waiting for the meeting to see if the committee had any issues with three signs and for Mr. Edwards to return from vacation to start the process. There were three signs originally with the previous owner and they are requesting three new signs.

Ms. Gaskell stated once they receive the application and fee, they could get the process started and order the signs.

Mr. Saunders noted he had a copy of the safety guidelines.

Ms. Anderson showed the committee one of the new signs.

Mr. Saunders questioned when Mr. Edwards would be back from vacation.

Ms. Anderson noted he would be back on Thursday.

Mr. Saunders noted he would stop in early next week with the check and to order the signs.

Ms. Gaskell gave an update on the Adopt-A-Spots.

Ms. Gaskell received a phone call from the Garden Club. Garden Club received \$1,000 from Beautification for plantings and wanted to know when the final date to submit receipts will be.

Ms. Anderson they need to submit receipts by June 30th.

Mrs. Ladd sent out Thank You notes for the garden club.

Ms. Gaskell came early to update the website with Ms. Anderson. Many of the images on the page are of the Garden Club from 2002. She questioned if they adopt a spot owners could submit newer pictures.

Ms. Mosher stated she would take professional pictures at clean sweep for the website.

Ms. Gaskell noted she and Ms. Anderson discussed making online fillable forms to save time for adopt a spot applications. They will also be updating the contact information to include Public Works as a contact. They discussed viable locations for adopt a spot. It turned out to be more difficult than expected. They need to verify with Engineering they are town property and can turn them into adopt a spots.

Ms. Gaskell noted that Garden's Dream sign at shaker and maple might also need to be taken down.

Mrs. Ladd noted that Adams and Adams adopt a spot is on Pheonix Avenue is currently unsightly. Mrs. Ladd questioned if she could call them and ask if they are continuing the Adopt a spot.

Ms. Gaskell believes they were not one of the ones who returned their letter, but will double check.

Mr. Norris stated the next step would be to call those who didn't respond to confirm they are no longer interested in maintaining their adopt a spot.

Ms. Mosher and Mrs. Ladd stated they could make the calls.

Ms. Gaskell stated she would send the list to them.

Ms. Mosher recommended putting the list on the Enfield Forum to recruit additional businesses.

Mr. Norris commended the group and Ms. Gaskell on their work with adopt a spot.

- **Budget**

The commission discussed money left in the budget.

Mr. Norris stated that the flags coming over the Suffield bridge were not in great shape.

Ms. Anderson stated she will talk to Jack and find out how many flags they need.

Ms. Mosher motioned to spend \$500 on flag replacements for the flag program, Ms. Gaskell seconded the motion. All were in favor (4-0-0).

Mrs. Ladd discussed the budget proposal details with the Garden Club. They would like to come to one of the meetings to go through the line items.

Mr. Norris requested they come to the September meeting.

- **Clean Sweep**

Mr. Norris stated he has the supplies for Clean Sweep.

Ms. Mosher noted she has the rest of the t-shirts as well.

Mr. Norris stated they did not have a great turn out from the high school. There are about 36 respondents that said they would be there.

Ms. Mosher recommended putting it on the Enfield Forum for students to get credit for community service for college applications.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Ladd motioned to adjourn at 8:04 PM, Ms. Gaskell seconded the motion. All were in favor.