

**ENFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 7:00 pm  
Enfield Department of Public Works Building  
40 Moody Road, Enfield**

**ROLL CALL**

Present for the meeting were Chairman Timothy Norris, Secretary Deborah Gaskell and Roberta Ladd.

Absent: Vice Chairman Darren Ketchale and Meghan Mosher

There was no quorum.

Also Present, Donald Nunes, Director - Department of Public Works and Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Boy Scout troop 391 from Enfield Street School.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were tabled to the November meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Community Map Project- Display Update – Chairman Norris gave an overview of the map display project to the boy scouts.

Mr. Nunes gave an overview of the Freshwater Pond project that is currently going on. He stated they were taking out the silt (3,000 cubic yards/200 dump trucks) that built over the past 14 years. The Town is now ordered by the Army Corps of Engineers to repeat this every 5 years due to the amount of silt build up.

Ms. Ladd questioned why the Army Corps was involved.

Mr. Nunes stated they are a contributor to that Audubon society. Due to the permitting, they have to have the Army Corps of Engineers involved. They pay the Army Corps to remove the silt and the money goes to the Autobahn society. The silt goes to the dump station. There will be trees that are laid down into the pond on purpose.

They took out an oven, tricycles, couches, cans and many other types of debris and garbage from Freshwater Pond. They also found a four-foot carpe in the pond.

Mr. Nunes noted the town will make sure the placement for the sign near the pond is appropriate and ensure it is urban and wildlife proof.

The parents of the cub scouts asked Mr. Nunes if there was a way to share what they found in the pond.

Mr. Norris noted they asked about the sign books from Mr. Edwards previously. Another member had pulled up a map display from displays to go.

Mr. Nunes stated they just have to talk about placement of the sign to keep the birds away and not in the way of maintaining the pond. They usually build everything internally and could possibly build it if they have a model/example.

• Adopt-a-Spot- Update – Ms. Gaskell noted they have had some interest over the summer. She asked Mr. Nunes if he would be able to check and see if they gave their donation.

Ms. Gaskell noted there was supposed to be an adopt-a-spot sign put on Oliver Rd & King.

Mrs. Ladd noticed there is a sign on there, but the sign was shorter than usual. They are one of best adopt a spots in town so she wants to make sure they have the right sign.

Mr. Nunes will check on the sign.

Ms. Gaskell explained the adopt a spot process to the Boy Scout guests. She pointed them to the Town Website for more instructions and noted the \$100 fee for the sign.

Mrs. Ladd told the group about the recognition ceremony they had at a Town Council meeting. They would like to hold another one next year as it was well received.

Mr. Norris stated that they've received a lot of complaints about the Home Depot adopt-a-spot.

Mrs. Ladd was sure that they quit.

Mr. Norris stated the Committee should send a formal termination letter to them and ask Public Works to go in and remove the growth from the spot and remove the Home Depot sign.

Ms. Gaskell stated she needs to look up the letters to verify whether they responded. The Committee had discussed previously they would monitor the spots that did not respond to the renewal notice in the spring.

The scout troop asked how many adopt a spots there are.

Ms. Gaskell stated there are approximately 25 adopt a spots. She encouraged the Scout parents to keep an eye out for a piece of Town land that is safe for kids to work on and let her know. They can put in a request to turn it into an adopt-a-spot.

Mr. Norris recommended the Home Depot location as they can park off the street and it is safer than many of the other locations.

- Budget

- Clean Sweep

- Garden Club – Mrs. Ladd stated she has been in contact with the Garden Club. They want to know about mums for seasonal color. Mrs. Ladd told them the Committee is looking for them to plant perennials.

Mr. Norris requested to have them come in. They have money for this year, but we cannot allocate any money to them without a quorum.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Ladd gave an overview of the Beautification Committee the Boy Scout Troop.

Ms. Gaskell stated they should campaign for additional membership.

Mrs. Ladd spoke to the Scouts regarding invasive species removal for one of their badges. They have issues with invasive plants in many of their adopt a spots.

Mr. Norris asked Mr. Nunes if there is a way the Town can help us recruit more Beautification members.

Mr. Nunes stated he has a meeting with the town manager and will talk to him to find out what the best route would be.

The Committee discussed additional ways to recruit new members.

### MISCELLANEOUS

None

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.