

**Beautification Commission Meeting
Thursday July 11, 2013**

REVISED 8/1/2013

PRESENT: Pat Byrnes; Marylee Hickey; Dolores Kehoe; Mary Mourey;
Betty Russell; Pat Sirois.

ABSENT: Elaine Dube (excused); Tony Russo (excused).
Ted Fravel, Director/Parks and Recreation (excused).

Also Present: Tim Bockus, Director/Public Works
Greg Donato, Inspections and Permits

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sirois called the meeting of the Beautification Commission to order at 5:30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2013

**Marylee Hickey made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2013 meeting.
Seconded by Betty Russell. Approved.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK. None at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mary Mourey reported the new budget year has begun and the budgeted amount is \$8100.
Remembrance Fund balance is \$520.96.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report at this time.

CONCERNS OF THE COMMISSION

Chair Sirois discussed the issues from last month and the measures taken by Greg Donato to have them taken care of.

The following concerns were discussed:

- 735 Brewer Street, being cleaned up
- Burnham Street lot
- 1725 Main Street
- Wells Avenue - 1st home on the right
- Silver Lane – signs selling mattresses
- Long Hill – 4 lots for sale need to be mowed

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

Tim Bockus reported on the following:

The past month 5 letters were sent to residents in reference to tree issues. The town notifies the resident of the complaint. The following homes received letters: 278 Goodwin; 62 Margery; 16 Rolling Meadow; 1564 Main Street and 588 Forest Street.

The following areas were investigated:

- 44 Rowland Drive – limbs hanging
- 140 Chipper Drive – town trees
- Landers Court – checking property lines, trees may be owned by the town
- 107 Ellington Rd – town owned trees leaning toward neighbor's home
- 68 Cummings – town owned trees – will be removed

Tim further reported that Goodwin College had donated roses which were planted around the sculpture in Alumni Park. Goodwin College has offered landscaping design services to the town and will be addressing Wickham Library, Brewer House and Town Hall.

The America the Beautiful Grant had 4 bidders and work should begin by the end of the month.

The Flood Protection Project is continuing in town.

Discussion was held in reference to the work the utility company is doing to remove limbs to allow a clear zone for power lines.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Spring plantings

Chair Sirois stated the barrels look nice.

B. Memorial Trees

Chair Sirois stated she did not have the memorial cards printed because of the concern as to where trees could be planted in town. Discussion was held and the following recommendations were made:

- Gold Star Pool area (behind Goodwin School)
- Silver Lane Cemetery (Chair Sirois will go with Tim Bockus to look at the areas recommended.)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Residential Beautification Awards

The June Beautification Awards will be presented at the Town Council meeting on July 16th. The Burnham's of 1895 Main Street and Gilbert Landscaping for the CVS Plaza on Burnside/Main Street will be receiving the awards.

Betty Russell made a motion to award the July Residential Beautification Award to the owner of 217 Oak Street. Seconded by Mary Mourey. Approved.

B. Business Beautification Awards

Betty Russell made a motion to award the July Business Beautification Award to the business occupying 477 Connecticut Blvd. Seconded by Dolores Kehoe. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Theresa Godreau	\$ 75.00
Richard Mourey (ink/paper for Beautification Awards)	\$46.77

Dolores Kehoe made a motion to pay the bills as submitted. Seconded by Marylee Hickey. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, **Mary Mourey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17p.m. Seconded by Marylee Hickey. Approved.**

The next meeting of the Commission will be on Thursday, August 1, 2013 in Building Department Conference Room at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Godreau, Clerk