

## **Beautification Commission Meeting Thursday August 1, 2013**

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

**ABSENT:** 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 5:31 p.m.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2013**

**Mary Mourey made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2013 meeting.  
Seconded by Betty Russell. Approved with one correction.**

**CORRECTION:** Date for the August meeting should have read August 1 NOT August 8, 2013.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK.** None at this time.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mary Mourey reported the general budget balance is \$8025.00

Remembrance Fund balance is \$520.96. Chair Sirois reminded Tim Bockus that the money is available for use.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Arbor Day Foundation information

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Sirois reported she heard from Ann Merwin of the Moose Center. They will be participating in Holiday Fest and have begun fundraising.

Chair Sirois met the new East Hartford Reporter for the Reminder, Cory Amende. She will be meeting him to do a story on the Commission.

Chair Sirois received a call from Dan Larson of Goodwin College. She will return his call after her vacation.

### **CONCERNS OF THE COMMISSION**

The following concerns were addressed:

Brewer St - #743, #808, #826

Concern for tree trunks around town in resident's front yards with grass going around them. Greg Donato addressed this issue stating that the company hired by CL&P to trim and remove trees did have paperwork signed by the homeowner stating they would be responsible for the removal of the tree trunks, etc once cut down.

Tolland Street – mattresses – Tim Bockus stated that it is a daily stop to the home by Public Works  
Larrabee Street – staging in yard. Greg Donato stated that his department is watching the home, and said that as long as some activity is taking place with the home it is not a violation.

Greg Donato replied to last month's concerns and emailed the information to the clerk who forwarded to all Commissioners.

### **TREE WARDEN'S REPORT**

Tim Bockus reported on the following:

- 6 Landers Court – private trees
- 826 Tolland Street – dead tree, hazard is gone but is unsightly

- 888 Oak Street – Maple tree, limbs falling in road
- 25 Laraia – hanging limbs – private tree
- 487 Burnside – dead tree
- 643 Forbes (corner of Norige) – dead tree
- McCauliffe Park – tree removed
- 140 Chipper Drive – town tree fell and damaged shed

Tim Bockus informed the Commission that letters do go out to property owners and when there is no response, he sends the letter Certified Mail.

America the Beautiful grant has been granted to F.A. Bartlett Tree Service, tree inventory in the business district will begin shortly.

Tim Bockus informed the members

- that the civil works project at the river dikes and levees is continuing
- Rte 15 – new sound barriers being installed by the DOT
- He completed a Tree City survey for the State department looking for feedback from the community
- DOT is surveying Main Street because they will be installing a bicycle lane on Burnside Avenue which may continue to Main Street and Connecticut Boulevard

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Memorial Trees

Chair Sirois and Tim Bockus have not met to review the areas in the Silver Lane Cemetery. They will meet before the next meeting and report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Residential Beautification Awards

**Betty Russell made a motion to award the August Residential Beautification Award to 398 Silver Lane. Seconded by Marylee Hickey. Approved.**

B. Business Beautification Awards

**Betty Russell made a motion to award the August Business Beautification Award to Dunkin Donuts on Silver Lane. Seconded by Marylee Hickey. Approved.**

Chair Sirois reported that the July award letters were sent out and will be presented at the August 20 Town Council meeting. She will try to get the August award letters out so they can be presented at the same time.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Theresa Godreau

\$ 75.00

**Mary Mourey made a motion to pay the bills as submitted. Seconded by Pat Byrnes. Approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Godreau, Clerk