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**Minutes**

**November 9, 2022**

Beautification Committee Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano called the November 9, 2022 Beautification Committee Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Senior Lounge at Plymouth Town Hall, 80 Main Street, Terryville, Connecticut.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne, Chariman Randy Olmstead (via phone call), Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano, Beautification Committee Member Mary Semon, Beautification Committee Member Jean McMahon, Beautification Committee Member Barbara Huber and Beautification Committee Member Joanne Auburn. Also present: Maureen Cappetto, Director of Parks and Recreation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Beautification Committee Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano led the Beautification Committee Members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne, seconded by Beautification Committee Member Mary Semon, to accept the October 12, 2022 minutes. This motion was approved unanimously.**

**New Business**

**a. Discussion with Maureen Cappetto, Director of Parks & Recreation**

Maureen Cappetto introduced herself and offered her assistance with anything the Committee may need.

A discussion took place about getting the high school kids to help the Committee. Once a specific project is needed, Maureen Cappetto will reach out the guidance counselor at the high school to try to get volunteers. The high school students need 30 hours of community service to graduate.

Beautification Committee Member Barbara Huber showed the article in the Waterbury Republican that showcased Thomaston middle school kids volunteering in their community.

Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne asked if the Parks and Recreation staff could pick up the planters and bring them to Dave Perugini's greenhouse on Carter Road?

The planters are at the following locations:

- 2 - waterwheel
- 1 - Hairs Inn
- 1 - Lock museum
- 1 - Post office

Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne talked about the Waterwheel. There is a path behind the waterwheel that has old rocks on the side of the stream. Can the rocks be arranged to look like a stone wall? He asked Maureen Cappetto if the Parks and Recreation staff can take care of this? She will look into it.

Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne talked about Lake Winfield. The lake is full of invasives and bittersweet. The Lake needs treatment..

**b. Discussion re: Town Ordinance Article V. Beautification Committee**

Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano will reach out to Committee Member Gale Reno before asking the Mayor to remove her from the Committee due to no communication and not showing up to meetings.

**c. Purchase of "Welcome to Plymouth" sign**

Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne went over the quote \$4766.60 from Laurentano Sign.

A discussion took place about looking into sponsorships.

Beautification Committee Member Joanne Auburn will contact the Knights of Columbus regarding the Welcome to Plymouth sign.

**d. Discussion re: Creating a natural border of trees/shrubs at the Waterwheel**

Beautification Committee Member Joanne Auburn has access to rose of Sharon.

Beautification Committee Member Mary Semon talked to Badd Motorcycle. They do not have a spigot.

This will be discussed in further at the February meeting.

**e. Remove planters for winter storage**

Discussed earlier with Parks and Recreation.

**f. Tree lighting December 3, 2022**

Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne stated that the lights are being put on the tree this Sunday, November 13 at 1:30 PM.

Beautification Committee Vice-Chairwoman Diane Ciano will talk to the Mayor about the blue lights.

A discussion took place about putting the garland and the lights opposite the blue lights.

**g. Community Service – Getting high school/middle school students involved with planting, weeding and watering**

Discussed earlier with Parks and Recreation.

**h. 2023 Meeting Dates**

A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Barbara Huber, seconded by Beautification Committee Member Mary Semon to accept the 2023 meeting dates. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Other Business**

A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne, seconded by Beautification Committee Member Joanne Auburn to nominate Randy Olmstead as Chairman. This motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Beautification Committee Member Jerry Milne, seconded by Beautification Committee Member Joanne Auburn to nominate Diane Ciano as Vice-Chairman. This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment      None

Board Member Comments      None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Beautification Committee, Beautification Committee Member Jerry Auburn made a motion, seconded by Beautification Committee Member Barbara Huber to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Linda Schnaars', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda Schnaars  
Recording Secretary