

Town of Clinton  
Beautification Committee Minutes  
October 4, 2022

Present: Nick Webb

Guests: Bruce Lighty, Sherry Smith, Dave Smith

Absent: Carrie Allen, Sue Kelley

Call to Order: Meeting began at 6:35 p.m. at Henry Carter Hull Library.

September Minutes: Reviewed, but not approved as no quorum present.

Members: Sherry has submitted her application to the Committee to the Town.

Nick must submit a year-end report to the Town by November 30<sup>th</sup>, outlining the activities of the Beautification Committee this year. Items discussed to be included in the report are:

- 1) Downtown trash pick-up: 40 people collected at least 50 bags of trash.
- 2) Researched hanging baskets for the streetlights. This is on hold due to general logistics of how they would be maintained. Committee would like the baskets to mimic those hanging in Madison, New London, and Old Saybrook.
- 3) Three self-watering planters were funded and maintained: one by CVS and two by the Indian River bridge.
- 4) Weeding and planting of one small area of IRBG; the semi-circle behind Frings; and the small garden by the walk- through Amtrak underpass.
- 5) Collaborate with Conservation Commission to set up the Town on Pollinator Pathway. We also held two informational presentations; the first at the Library on July 16<sup>th</sup> with 50 people in attendance; and the second on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall with 56 people in attendance.

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Nick must also submit a budget for future projects as follows:

- 1) Purchase plants for the three existing self- watering planters
- 2) Purchase plants for the eleven (11) Indian River bridge railing planters; two (2) geraniums for each of the planters
- 3) Purchase plants for two Clinton entrance signs; one on Rt.1 Westbrook/Clinton line and one on Rt.1 Madison/Clinton bridge
- 4) Purchase plants for Indian River Garden
- 5) Purchase plants for the Hanging Basket Pilot Program for the five (5) streetlights at Post Office Square.
- 6) Also try to get sponsors to cover the cost for the hardware for each basket.
- 7) Possible plantings by the white fence by the Comcast Building.

Nick made a motion to adjourn; Sherry seconded, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

(these Minutes taken by Sherry Smith)