



# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## Ad Hoc Ellington Beautification Committee

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AD HOC ELLINGTON  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2018  
First Selectman's Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: Katherine Heminway, Alyce Mayer, Kay Luginbuhl, Carole Gerber, Joe Palombizio

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kimberly Schneider

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Spielman, First Selectman; Julia Connor

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Heminway called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### A. August 21, 2018

MOVED (HEMINWAY), SECONDED (MAYER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2018.

### III. CONTAINER PLANTING AROUND TOWN

Ms. Heminway mentioned that the pots at Town hall and the rotary look good; the pots at Hall Memorial Library and the Senior Center need more consistent watering, and there are weeds growing at the Senior Center. Kathy said that she would like to put in the red rubrum grasses and hardy cabbage for the fall, since it will be easy to maintain and still look very nice. At the end of September and into October, other pots can be cleaned out and filled with simple greens and cornstalks for the late fall and winter weather. Lori Spielman reported that the owner of Wicked Good News, who the Town has recently partnered with for the newsletter, also owns Garden's Dream Farm, and he gave the Town a \$150 gift card. Ms. Spielman feels that the Committee should use it at Garden's Dream to get the plants and supplies necessary for the upcoming planting. The Committee is planning to meet at 3:00 pm on September 8 to begin the cleanup and preparation for this fall planting.

### IV. WELCOME TO ELLINGTON SIGNS

Carole Gerber asked if planting small bushes around the signs would be more efficient than regularly putting in smaller plants. Ms. Heminway stated that a perennial such as Stella D'Oro Daylilies would be a good constant flower; in the fall they could install a cabbage or other hardy greenery, and then in the spring, begonias could be added. Circles will need to be dugout to prepare for this planning. Ms. Spielman reported that she would check with Public Works to see if they could assist the Committee with this. Ms. Heminway said that she would get 16 lily plants, four for each sign, and in the spring they'll plan on adding one begonia plant to each circle as well. Alyce Mayer asked if the Committee could add mulch in the fall to create a neater-looking space. This prep and planting is scheduled for 3:00 pm on September 25.

V. SCARECROW CONTEST

Flyers and entry forms will be posted to the Town's social media, and paper copies will be provided to other physical locations around Town, such as the library and Senior Center. Sponsoring businesses will also help in the promotion of the contest. The Committee is planning on installing four scarecrows of their own around Town to get people excited about the contest: two at the rotary, one at the gazebo on the Green, and one on the bench in front of Town Hall, perhaps accompanied by a sign reminding residents that scarecrows are going to be popping up.

It was decided that in order to be eligible for the contest, entry forms needed to be submitted by October 15; any scarecrows installed after that point will be displayed, but won't be considered for any prizes. The scarecrows will be displayed for the entire month of October; judging will be done from pictures of entries in the event that weather damages the displays. Ms. Heminway will contact Dunkin Donuts to see if they are interested in providing some sort of coupon for all entrants. The Committee could use another main prize or two; however, anyone interested in being involved in a lesser degree will certainly be worked with and included.

VI. HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

This item was tabled until after the Scarecrow Contest is completed.

VII. 2019 EARTH DAY EVENT

The Committee members agreed that they would like to set up a booth at the 2019 Earth Day event, with information on how to get involved and fun displays on how to beautify various spaces.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

Two planting meetings are currently scheduled: September 18 and 25, both at 3:00 pm. A formal meeting will be scheduled later for the judging of the Scarecrow Contest.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (HEMINWAY), SECONDED (LUGINBUHL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:55 PM.

Submitted by 