

Town of Groton, Connecticut

Beautification Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340

Town Manager: 860-441-6630

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*Chair Cindy Fortner, Nancy Codeanne, Bruce McDermott, Councilor Lian Obrey, Aline Shulman
Alternate: Andrew Parrella, Councilor Rachael Franco,*

Thursday, June 3, 2021

5:30 PM

Meet @ Former Noank School Property

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 5:31 PM

2. ROLL CALL Shulman, Parrella, Codeanne, McDermott, Fortner, Guest: Dana Semeraro

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES No minutes

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mural: Where? Groton Community Center, Auto Zone in Groton, Bridge, Market, Ryan's Pub. Need to contact owners of properties. Semeraro to contact Westerly to gather mural information. McDermott emphasized historical aim of mural to beautify and enhance businesses. Let's avoid controversial themes.
2. Plantings: **Sutton Park**, Tabitha purchasing plants with funds from OPDS. We will install in planter on 6/7 @ 11:00 AM. Fortner. Shulman, Parrella to attend. **PQ planter box**, want to speak with Bill Johnson of Johnson's Hardware to see if they could support this project. Need photos of Westerly bridge planter boxes. Codeanne to take photo and send to members. Fortner to contact PW to see if employees could fabricate planter. **Town Hall**, needs some sprucing up. Flowers, sculpture? Fortner will reach out to John Burt.
3. Avery Parklet: Fortner wants to plant hosta in front of stone wall along Route 12. Lots of poison Ivy there and impossible to dig soil due to compaction. Fortner will ask permission of Inland Wetlands for Poison Ivy removal and help digging at wall site.

5. COMMUNICATIONS None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Parrella brought up 2 areas in Groton that have weed problems.: Meridian at Walgreens shopping center, top of Fort Hill planters. Can these be weeded? Fortner will email PW and P&R to see if this is possible.
- Need help with grants. Suggested we speak with Wendy Bury. Fortner to get information to Codeanne.

7. NEXT MEETING Monday, June 14th, 5:30 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT 6:35 PM