

## MINUTES

DARIEN BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION 4/19/23, Auditorium 9:00 AM  
Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Rd, Darien, CT 06820

Members Present: Elizabeth Hall Acting Chair, Tracey Whitehead Treasurer, Jackie Stoddard McKee, Amanda Segura, Colleen Kalvatis, Alicia Peperone

Approval of Minutes 3/15/23 - Moved 1st Jackie, 2nd Tracey

Treasurer's Report - see attachment

Alicia - update on Adopt a Garden -

After Elder's clean up all of the gardens look so much better, especially Paw Prints and Nearwater. Whole Foods and Ledge Rd, discussion between Alicia and Garden Club of Darien for a tied together look consistent with our other town gardens.

Also there's a dead tree there, ask Tony or Ed if it can be removed. Also Ed Gentile will look into the gardens where the curbing has fallen away to repair them. We will put our petunias in the planters at Town Hall as usual. We would also love to eventually make Town Hall look really nice with more flowers etc and taking down scraggly bushes - discussion.

Landscapers - Ready to reach out. Alicia will divide up and send to us so we can all make calls and emails - first pricing to maintain and different prices according to each garden. A version of what we want will be sent to The Garden Club of Darien and Companies, this is a big project and time is getting short so we are looking to plant in the fall, which is a better time to plant anyway. Maybe we can put something in the Darien Times and ask for bids on different locations...seeking landscape design bids.

Open positions: Chair and vice Chair

Move by Elizabeth to nominate Sarah Schwarz as Chair, unanimous vote yes.

Move by Elizabeth to nominate Alicia Perperone as vice Chair, also voted yes unanimously by all present.

Elizabeth will take Secretarial role until it will be filled by a new member.

Perhaps we should tell potential members the positions that are open in advance that we want taken such as Secretary.

Hanging Baskets - Tracey - May 25th, we all meet at Weed Beach Parking lot at 7:00AM to help unload baskets and prepare them for the town and businesses for Memorial Day weekend. We will ask Elder to give them a good watering first thing.

Megan Shain, Daisy leader would like to help us plant in May, discussion - where? Tilley?

Veteran Circle Benches cleaning, we'll have to handle that ourselves, or perhaps ask Sr. Men's Association?

Master Gardeners course participants - need community hours? Ask at Stamford Arboretum?

No other business.

Meeting Adjourned move - 1st Tracey, 2nd Colleen