

TRUMBULL BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES – October 25, 2011

PRESENT: Doug Carey, Laura Ponzio, Mildred Krisak, Liz Nugent,

ABSENT: Sharon Altieri and Patricia Pavia

The meeting of the Trumbull Beautification Commission was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by D. Carey. Attendance was noted and a quorum was had.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting were discussed. L. Ponzio motioned that the minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting be accepted as presented. L. Nugent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was reviewed. There is \$2,215.40 in the General Fund and \$2,539.35 in the Vietnam Memorial account. L. Nugent moved to accept the Financial Report and L. Ponzio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Ponzio will see about finding out whether the Commission ever received money from the town to pay for the Clerk's expenses. D. Carey spoke with someone from the Parks Commission, who said their Clerk is the only one paid by the town because their Clerk is a town employee. D. Carey also spoke with Ken Martin, the former Chairman of the Beautification Commission, who told him the Commission never received money from the town to cover the Clerk's expenses.

ADOPT A SPOT PROGRAM: D. Carey received a call from the Nichols Improvement Association about a spot located at the intersection of Huntington Turnpike and Unity Road. D. Carey volunteered to do some weeding and planting at the spot. When he spoke to the woman again, she mentioned that the NIA is interested in getting a sponsor for the spot through the Beautification Commission to help keep the spot looking nice. D. Carey asked if the Commission would be interested in sponsoring it since the Commission no longer has a spot sponsored in town.

L. Nugent likes the idea of sponsoring the spot, since it's a heavily traveled area of town. D. Carey suggested the Commission could plant a Kousa Dogwood tree and some other small shrubs, as well as placing a sign. He said he could speak with Dmitri Paris about renovating the spot.

The Commission discussed how much they should spend on the spot if they decide to sponsor it. A vote was taken on whether they should spend up to \$500.00. All voted in favor.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: D. Carey brought three award nominations. The first is for 1440 Huntington Turnpike. The owners of the house replaced the roof and are repainting the house's exterior. The second is for 3161 Huntington Road. The owners have done landscape work, as well as work on the patio and fireplace as well. The final award nomination is for 46 Woodcrest Avenue. D. Carey said the owners of the home have been renovating it for close to two years and have completed a series of projects.

MEMORIAL PARK: P. Pavia sent D. Carey an email about needing to get a survey done for the site of the memorial and she let him know that she still hasn't received maps from the state.

D. Carey asked about how the residents living near the site of the memorial might feel about the memorial being placed there. M. Krisak said she doesn't think there will be much objection since it's a memorial park and the Commission doesn't plan to build additional parking for it. D. Carey mentioned whether there will be lights placed in the park and, if so, whether those might bother the residents. L. Nugent said that there should be a feasibility study done to determine that and how much the memorial may cost.

MALLET TRUST: D. Carey does not know whether the Mallett Trust has sent a donation for the Commission yet. He hopes that the Commission may receive a larger donation this year because of the projects the Commission hopes to begin working on soon.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY GREENHOUSE: D. Carey hasn't had a chance to do anything else with the greenhouse project. M. Krisak asked where the Commission will be getting the money to pay for the greenhouse and the memorial park. D. Carey suggested holding a series of fundraising events.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Judy Nighland will not be joining the Commission as a member.

M. Krisak motioned that the meeting be adjourned. D. Carey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lusebrink, Clerk