



Town of Tewksbury MINUTES

Committee: Tewksbury Beautification Committee

Date: April 4, 2022

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Tewksbury Town Hall

Members present: Paige Impink, Denise Morandi, Karen Cintolo, Jennifer Balch-Kenney, Dan Ronan, Kathy McGinnis, Tracy Skahan, Corey Sherbino

Members absent: Maria Schram

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

The minutes of the **February 7, 2022** meeting were unanimously approved.

Welcome New Members: New member, Corey Sherbino, was welcomed. Paige Impink explained the goals of our committee as well as the past activities we have offered the town to support these goals including our twice a year Clean Up Day and Adopt An Island and Community Beautification Award programs.

Clean Up Day: Our spring Clean Up Day will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Signs to advertise the effort will be placed in various areas of town by Dan, Denise and Tracy on Sunday May 1, 2022. Paige, Denise, Karen, Corey and Tracy volunteered to set up our committee table as well as pass out information, vests, gloves, pick sticks, etc. Jenni volunteered for the DPW location to direct townspeople to Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding areas as well as the dumpster for trash disposal. Dan has again volunteered the use of his truck to pick up large trash items and support the disposal effort.

The **GROW** organization will offer a greenhouse tour to the Open Space and Beautification Committees. The first scheduled tour is 10:00AM, April 16, 2022 at the Tewksbury Hospital greenhouses. The organization will be donating pollinator plants to Adopt An Islanders.

Old Business: We have not at this point received any offers from local artists to repaint the switchbox located on East Street near Chandler.

New Business: In accordance with the town library's summer reading "outdoor" theme, Bruce Shick will be doing trail walks every Saturday in the summer. Kathy MacInnis offered to accompany Bruce as a native plant/tree expert.

Street Tree Update: National Grid will be replacing the 25 trees in Tewksbury that have already been removed. A letter was posted to townspeople inquiring as to interest in having these trees planted on private property. No timetable has been determined at this point as to planting.

Our committee members have shown interest in a new initiative. Black plastic is not a recyclable material. However, most townspeople and businesses are unaware of this fact. We would like to make attempts to re-

educate the public since contamination of recycle bins costs the town money. Paige will put a small article in the local paper to publicize the problem. More discussion will follow.

Meeting was adjourned at **7:32PM**

Documents distributed at this meeting: None

Next meeting: **TBD**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Cintolo

Minutes Approved by Committee on July 18, 2022