Bloomfield Beautification Committee
MINUTES for February 22, 2022 meeting VIA ZOOM

Present: Rise Cappadona, Daria Chamerda, Wendie DiCorcia, Lucy Eyre, Gwen Findlay, Deb Gosselin, Henriette Herzfeld, Sharon Mann, JoAnne Mitchell

Not Present: Dan Carter

Meeting began at 5:32 pm and adjourned at 7:16 pm; Meeting was held via Zoom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Minutes from the January 25, 2022 zoom meeting were approved. Rise moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Henriette.

OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES:
A. Maintenance on-line worksheets
   • BBC members tried out the on-line maintenance worksheet developed by Sharon. Worksheets will be completed monthly and an Excel spreadsheet will be provided to Dan Carter so that DPW is aware of items that need to be addressed by them. It was emphasized to include photos with the maintenance worksheet.

B. Town Green update - Sharon
   • Feedback to the design plan included switching out the non-native dogwood for a native dogwood and eliminating the roses. Revisions to the plan are being submitted to town engineer, Jonathan Thiesse by Dan and will be sent out for bid.

C. Mother’s Day Tree ID & Bird Walk
   • The walk at Farmington River Park has been scheduled for Saturday May 7th from 10:00am -12:00pm. Lucy will lead the walk.
   • Waiting to hear back from Zellene Sandler to be the bird guide. It was suggested to reach out to Jake Bongiovanni from SavATree to be a tree guide.
   • It was decided that a plant will be provided to attendees. The type of plant will be discussed in the future.
   • The Wintonbury Land Trust and Bloomfield’s Leisure Services will be co-sponsors. They will send out Trees for Bloomfield alerts and post on their respective websites.

D. Notable Landscape Awards
   • The nomination period will be May 5th to August 5th. Judging is estimated to take place around August 18-19. A different date was posted in the Town Calendar so the dates have been changed to May 1 – August 1.

E. Grants - Hartford Audubon Society and Urban Forestry Council
   • Grant application (Hartford Audubon Society) for plantings and kiosk for Farmington River Park has been submitted. Will know by end of March if grant has been awarded.
   • Bloomfield DPW and TREES FOR BLOOMFIELD have applied for and Urban Forestry Council Grant to give away 80 trees to be planted this fall in areas where the tree canopy is thin.

F. Arbor Day tree planting
   • The tree planting is scheduled for Friday, April 29th 1:30 pm. A white oak will be planted by DPW at Town Hall earlier in the week. A ceremony will be held with town officials, BBC, CEEC and residents.

G. BBC T-shirt design
   • A decision was reached on the design concept. Sharon will work to finalize the design.

H. Other work groups
   • A follow-up 1year report was filed with The Connecticut Urban Forest Council who provided a $1,500 grant for the April 30, 2021 tree planting. A follow-up report was also sent to The Hartford Audubon Society for their $1000 grant.

I. BBC Instagram - Sharon
   • BBC’s page currently has 140 followers compared to 130 followers last month.
J. **BBC signage**
   - It was discussed and decided that the Pollinator Friendly circle signs will be displayed in all public garden spaces maintained by the BBC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Monthly Meeting format**
   - The general consensus was that it will be held in-person starting with the March meeting, with masks optional. 2 possible meeting locations are Town Hall or 330 Park Avenue.

B. **DPW Update – Dan Carter**
   - Dan Carter not present.
   - The old kiosk at the entrance to Farmington River Park has been dismantled DPW. Sharon has designed the signage for the new kiosk.

C. **Walk-around sites and spring clean-ups**
   - BBC members will schedule times to meet with Sharon to go over the gardens.

D. **The ARBORETUM at Bloomfield Town Hall**
   - The feedback from the 2021 guided walk at The ARBORETUM was very positive. It was decided to have another walk this fall – details to be determined.

E. **Other**
   - Committee comments – BBC members looking forward to Spring.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CALENDAR:** Next Meeting scheduled for March 22, 2022 5:30 pm. Location to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Gwen moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Lucy.