BBC Meeting June 28, 2022

Present: Gwen Frindley, Henriette Herzfield, Mary Briggs, Deb Gosselin, JoAnne Mitchell, Lucy Eyre, Sharon Mann, Rise Cappadona, Wendie diCorcia

Not Present: Dan Carter

Meeting started at 5:34 PM

Old Business Updates:

- **Farmington River Park Walk on June 18, 2022**
  Successful combination of Mother’s and Father’s Day – 40 participants
  Groups were divided and lead on two tours one pathway along the Farmington River and one along the road to give sense of the park and it’s diversity.

- **Public Gardens**
  Some reports still due
  Clean up need to be scheduled by mid-month to be more effective
  Debris to be reported to Sharon for pick up

- **Bloomfield Public Library**
  Movie- My Garden and a 1000 Bees- BBC to Co-Sponsor with BPL – August 3rd @ 3pm
  Give away seed packets at Branch library – (Zoom meeting) More info to follow.

- **Instagram**
  Currently 150 postings to highlight what is happening or what the BBC has accomplished

- **May Peace Prevail on Earth**
  Deb will continue with her research for options for signs. Possibility for ordering signs and placement around town maybe at War Monuments

- **Trees for Bloomfield**
  Post cards sent to 1557 eligible residents
  All 80 trees were registered by residents in two day at Leisure Services. Residents are being asked to commit to a minimum of two years of maintenance with biannual follow-ups by the TFB.
  Included with each tree to homeowner will be 2 cu ft of mulch, 1 cu ft of compost, 1 gal watering can, a planting manual from DEEP and a contract with TFB and the Town of Bloomfield. A selected group of TreeKeepers will meet with each homeowner in August to help resident site their tree and then mark it with a stake.

  **TreeKeepers** Treeforce-Key Forest Volunteers Committees need to be filled for Tree plantings in September. Sign up sheet passed around during the meeting. Jobs- to
include tagging of trees, filling composting bags and planting of trees and organization. All BBC members signed up.

**New Business**

- None from Dan-Not in attendance
- Library Issues- Landscape budget not given. Plans for landscaping not clear. Town linkage pans as well as soft and hardscape are inconsistent
- **Notable Landscape Awards – Organization of…**
  Judges are set- John and Michelle Ewen (homeowners on Park Ave) and John DeHoyas (Landscape Company Owner)
- Suggestions wanted from the committee-
- Members of the BBC who have gardens maybe mentioned in a possible newspaper article about notable gardens and why they are gardeners and issue of repeat winners- possibly give them an honorarium recognizing their notable works. Future judges?
- Scoring sheets and maps for the nominees will be given to members of the BBC –
- Map of the town divided into 15 sections each member will be given a section.
- NO more than 10 nominees to be suggested by each nominator
- BBC members are to take pictures of each submission.
- Apartments, condos and retirement facilities (Seabury) are to be considered.
- ALL nominations are due by August 1st, 2022. (Sooner than later is desired)
- SUGGESTION- take another member for reviewing See if you can get stories from the gardeners about their gardens – Submit with nomination forms.
- **Publicity** - Articles of Notable Landscapes in local papers, Leisure Services email blast, WLT newsletter, Town Website Homepage, Libraries, social media pages etc. Also to include all upcoming events supported by the BBC
- Lawn signs and certificates for winners of the Notable Landscapes will be taken care of by Sharon with the support of Henriette and Gwen and will be distributed to winners by BBC members at the appropriate time.
- **NOTE** Judi Dworin – Justice Dance Project will be performing at the Farmington River Park October 16 - she is requesting support of the BBC for developing it as an event.

**Meeting ended at 7:15 PM**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY JULY 26.