Bloomfield Beautification Committee  
Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2022  
Town Hall

Present: Henriette Herzfeld, Gwen Findlay, Mary Briggs, Joanne Mitchell, Sharon Mann, Rise Cappadona, Lucy Eyre  
Not present: Wendy, Deb

Meeting was call to order 5:36pm

Motion to approve June 28, 2022 minutes. Gwen motion, Mary second.  
Approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

A. Public Garden Maintenance  
   a. Sharon to share link to garden report forms.  
   b. Thanks to Dan for trimming branches over sidewalk at Town Hall.  
   c. Gardens look good and people are commenting positively.

B. Notable Landscape Nominations  
   a. Town divided by David Mann into 15 quadrants.  
   b. Rise will reverse addresses to find out owner’s name of nominated properties.  
   c. Three judges selected and will judge August 12.  
   d. Vote 1-10 by addresses in your quadrant.  
   e. Nominations due back no later than 8/5/22.

C. BPL – My Garden of 1000 Bees  
   a. August 3, 2022 at 2:00pm via ZOOM  
   b. BPL would like committee members to speak on pollinators.  
   c. BBC committee asked to attend if they can.,

D. Farmington River Park Update  
   a. Joanne & Sharon weeded and watered native plant bed. Garbage can knocked over again probably by bears. Will recommend that DPW have it removed.  
   b. Judy Dworin Justice Dance Performance project received a grant from the CT Urban Forest Council to create dance programs in support of trees.  
   c. There will be a fall performance in Farmington River Park, “In The Presence of Trees” on October 16 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Rain date October 23.  
      i. They will be practicing every Thursday in September.

E. Instagram  
   a. 153 followers to date.

F. May Peace Prevail Post  
   a. Have not heard back from Deb re: research so will table the discussion to the August meeting.

G. Trees for Bloomfield  
   a. Discussion around having a table at concerts or Celebrate Bloomfield. Committee felt it was not productive. BBC not asked to participate in Celebrate Bloomfield this year.
b. All 80 registered for trees have been ordered from Prides Corner in Cromwell. Trees to be delivered 9/1/22.
c. The DPW will house the trees and the tree kits until planting.
d. 60 volunteers have been recruited for the TreeKeepers Tree Force.
e. 15 teams of 2 planters planting 5 to 6 trees over 2-3 weeks.
f. Tree planting dates (weekend) 9/18, 9/25

g. Volunteers will be assigned as planters, organizers, baggers.
   i. Planters will plant.
   ii. Organizers will contact tree recipients and schedule planting.
   iii. Baggers will put together Tree Kits: Watering can, 2 cu. Ft. Mulch, 1 cu. Ft. compost, DEEP Tree planting manual and watering can.

h. Ron Pitz will give a training session to planters on how to plant trees 8.31 at the ARBORETUM at Bloomfield Town Hall.
i. Meeting for planters and for organizers and baggers will be scheduled.
j. Please let Sharon know if you know of anyone who might like to participate.

New Business

A. Report from Dan Carter, DPW
   a. Sharon read the report as Dan was not in attendance. She will email a copy to committee members
      i. Two Bloomfield VoAg students brought on to intern for one month.
      ii. Horticulturalist RFP still not distributed.
      iii. DPW vendor removed hazardous ash trees by the Big drain swamp on Adams Road.
      iv. Mowing has slowed down.
      v. House in FRP will supposedly be removed by October.

B. Self-Guided Drive-By Tour of 2022 Notable Landscape winners
   a. Peg Stanwood of Dunlandwoods garden club to create a map.
   b. Maps will be put in the Messenger, Town Website and copies will be available at Leisure Services, Town Hall and other places throughout the town.

C. Celebrate Bloomfield
   a. Lucy will get more information about participating.

Motion to adjourn. Lucy moved, Gwen second.
Meeting adjourned 7:11pm