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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd, 2017
7:30 P.M. CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER
11 CHERRY STREET, BRANFORD, CT

Present: Chairman Karen Hannon, Bob Davis, Carol Kaminsky, Mike McGuinness and Dan FitzGerald

Absent: KarylLee Hall, Elanor Saulys, Jim Yakimoff and Jonathan Katz

Chairman Hannon called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Comm. Kaminsky motioned to accept the April 5th minutes, Comm. Davis seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Correspondence and Announcements: Aquarion Water Company – deadline passed, can think of possible nominations for next year; Solid Earth Technologies – advertisement

Budget: fiscal year 2017 - year to date: Chairman Hall stated that she went to the Finance meeting and presented the budget as proposed by the RTM. Was asked about Grounds and Repairs, nothing has been spent in that account. She stated that they normally use these funds in the spring. There is \$3600 in the account that can be spent. Commission discussed cleaning up some open space properties, behind the Community garden, behind Pine Orchard school, park area by bridge on South Montowese St. Discussed replacing tree(s) that were previously planted at the S. Montowese park. Comm. FitzGerald will ask for quotes, Chairman Hannon will find out if they need to go to bid. Commission discussed that the amount budgeted for the account was higher to cover cost of mulch which the Town (DPW) covered. Other supplies the Commission is going to get include: a presentation board and stickers. Commission discussed donation budget, possibly gifting to the garden club. Fiscal year ends June 30th.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Continuing Business:

- A. **Permits for coastal projects:** nothing to report
- B. **Proposed developments and other building projects:** Atlantic Wharf applied for demo permit
- C. **Invasive plant control:** Check on invasive plant plates that Sully was working on; are they completed and available for use at the festival?

Reports:

- A. **Select Committee for Open Space Acquisition:** nothing
- B. **Library books donations:** Comm. Kaminsky reported the books came to \$241.29. She still needs to present books to Tisko school and she would like to get more bookmarks printed.
- C. **Spill reports:** no spills reported
- D. **Contaminated sites:** nothing
- E. **Coastal Resiliency Plan:** nothing
- F. **Website:** Chairman Hannon stated that they are ready to get a beta site up.

Other:

- A. **Branford Festival – June 17th:** Commission discussed having hands on materials and information on bees, invasive plants, bats, snakes and flying squirrels. May make pipe cleaner bees ahead of time if table space is short. Comm. Kaminsky has placed the table space request.
- B. **Rid Litter Day – April 15th:** Chairman Hannon reported that the bill for bags and gloves came to \$70.48. Commission determined the bill should be reimbursed from the grounds maintenance account.

Adjournment: Comm. Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, Comm. McGuinness seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaymie Frederick