

**Beautification Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall – First Selectman's Office**

Call to Order: Chairman Haley Whipple called the special meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. All members were in attendance: Haley Whipple, Carlissa Bayette, Wolf Boehme, Robyn Ryle and Ann Combs.

Approval of 6/3/26 Meeting Minutes: **Motion:** C. Bayette moved and W. Boehme seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of 6/3/26. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Old Business

a) South Street and South Street Extension Updates: C. Bayette explained that the State DOT plans to remove the three islands on South St. and South St. Ext., but their plan is still about five years out. They would replace or redesign with something else. No plan has been approved, but they are scheduled to make a traffic presentation to the Board of Selectmen on September 1.

New Business

a) Vote on blanket amounts for Card Member Services and Litchfield Hills Nursery: H. Whipple explained that we would need to make the blanket for Litchfield Hills Nursery, as we would have to submit purchase orders for Card Member Services under the new policy. **Motion:** C. Bayette moved to create a blanket purchase order of \$500 for Litchfield Hills Nursery, effecting account 01-6201-52111. W. Boehme seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Schedule dates for island cleanup and fall decoration: Dates suggested were August 29 or August 30. **Motion:** H. Whipple moved to meet to clean up the islands on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 7:00 a.m. W. Boehme seconded, all voted aye and the motion passed. For fall decorations, H. Whipple felt we should stick to purchases such as pumpkins and mums at Litchfield Hills Nursery. We might want to set dates at the next meeting, September 2. The Town Hall plants probably won't last until late September and the ferns should be disposed of for compost. W. Boehme said he would do some more weeding in the back garden. He thought he had about nine bags of much left and will check the exact amount. A. Combs will revitalize the memorial garden and transplant some other plants. **Motion:** W. Boehme moved to hold the fall decoration discussion at the next meeting, Sept. 2. C. Bayette seconded, all voted aye and the motion passed.

Adjournment: **Motion:** C. Bayette moved and W. Boehme seconded a motion to adjourn at 4:53 p.m. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ann Combs, Secretary