

**Andover Beautification Committee  
Thursday September 26, 2019 Special Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Hop River Community Social Hall  
Riverside Drive, Andover CT 06232**

**Members Present:**

Pat Billings, Lori Easton, Joan Foran, Valerie Jurovaty and Emily Timreck

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chairman Joan Foran.

**2. Planning and Projects**

Mums have been planted at the Veterans Monument Park. Valerie will order the winter wreath from Hurst Farm. Lori will look into getting the swag greens at a wholesale greenhouse in Manchester. Joan will contact Eric Anderson, Town Administrator about the lack of water at the Monument Park; inquire about hanging a wreath on the outside of the TOB. She will purchase red ribbon and zip ties for the 16 swags to be placed on the bridge, along Hebron, and School Roads in November.

Pat will continue to try to find an engraver for the stone bench at the Monument Park and asked the other members to help also.

Joan will contact Matt Cordner, Andover Landscaping about the status of the installation of irrigation system for Veterans Monument Park.

**3. Annual Report, Mission Statement and Goals**

Joan will be submitting the Beautification's 2019 Annual Report. Members talked about their priorities. Veterans Monument Park and the respect that should be given to Andover's veterans is the Committee's highest priority. The placement of flags on Hebron and School roads was also emphasized as an important tribute. Given member feedback, Joan will write the mission statement.

The lack of water at the park several times this summer is a major concern, and the fact that water must be transported to the monument park was emphasized. A reliable supply of water and the need for irrigation was articulated by all as a necessary future goal.

**4. Budget Review and Approval of 2018-2019 Budget**

Members reviewed the detail expenditure sheet from fiscal year 2018-2019. Six cast aluminum swivel poles will be needed; Joan will place the order. United States flags, prisoner-of-war flags, and star fans have been purchased for 2020 Memorial Day.

## 5. Comments and Concerns

- Members wanted to know how often the grass is being mowed at Monument Park; members felt it should be mowed weekly. Members asked about a mowing contract, and were told there is none, just a list of costs by the vendor. The grass should be mowed and the banks near the Rail Trail Bridge trimmed before Memorial Day.
- Why is there no spring nor fall clean-up of the grounds at the Monument and the Town Office Building other than the Beautification Committee?
- The gazebo is in much need of a power washing and painting. The roof has leaks and gazebo floor is warped.
- The flag at Veterans Monument Park is not being lowered in a timely manner. This has been an on going issue for several years. The flag pole itself has problems with ease of operation. The Committee will look into a replacement.
- United States flags at the TOB and the Veterans Monument are often torn and frayed. Timely replacement of the flags has not been done by the Town.
- A clarification is needed - what is beautification; what is maintenance and who are the responsible parties?
- The water supply has been lost several times this summer at Veterans Monument Park, requiring members to transport water to the park. An adequate water supply should be a priory.

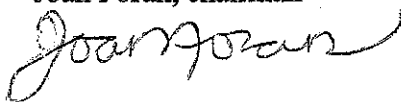
**6. Recognition and Letters of Appreciation.** Valerie will send a thank you letter to Richard Farrand for his donation of flowers for the park at Doris Chamberlain Pond.


Andy Gasper, River Valley Tree Expert, has offered to donate the pruning of the Dogwood trees and the removal of a tree in front of the TOB on School Road. The trees have grown into the wires on the street.

## 7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Foran, chairman



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