Bloomfield Beautification Minutes - May 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

The meeting commenced at 5:35 pm and adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Present: Claire, Peter, Ruthie, Karolina, Sharon and Gwen
Not Present: Rise, Bart, Ruth

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Minutes: scribe Gwen

The minutes were approved by Gwen and Peter seconded.

Spring Maintenance Update:

Town Hall – Cannas were planted behind the bike rack, on left side of pergola entry and on the west side by the Tulip poplar tree by Peter and Sharon

330 Park Ave – planters are doing well with violas added to the shrubs for spring. One planter wasn't watered enough and the plantings need to be replaced. Sharon has asked Seniors Department be responsible for watering planters on East side of Building that BBC plants. The six spirea Sharon planted last fall in the empty east side bed that was sprayed with an herbicide by DPW are all doing well.

Mary Hill - DPW replaced the lumber edging around the front bed. Sharon and Brian will plant Cannas on May 28 on site along with zinnia seeds in one of the beds.

Municipal Pool and Electronic Sign – The current plan is for Brian and Sharon to plant cannas also on May 28 Thursday, weather permitting.

Pollinator Pathway- no report from Chair

Police Station – Beds are filling out, ornamental grasses growing. Planting zinnias on May 29th. Need to remove invasive weeds sticking out of the shrubs in the front beds. Edit some of the milk weed. Add flowering annuals to the two planters.

Notable Landscape Awards 2026

- We again discussed new rules for the residents who won the awards 3 years in a row. Peter will draft a suggestion for these rules, and Sharon will send us an email to review as nominations forms will appear on the town website beginning June 8th. The Office of Communications will be contacted by Sharon to set up the necessary

information. Karolina will keep an excel sheet of the nominations that we can use to set up forms for judging.

- The BBC Notable Landscape Award ceremony held at Filley Park in 2025 was a success. Therefore, we decided to use this venue for the 2026 event. The recommended dates are September 8th or September 22 or 23rd. Once we decide, we will need to book the date with Leisure Services. We will finalize NL plans and discuss refreshments at the June 23rd meeting. The following BBC volunteers are asked to participate: Gwen, Claire, Ruthie, Rise, Ruth, Peter, Karolina, Eunice and Sharon.

- The Plan is to find two new judges; one recommendation was Isaac Suttar. Gwen will contact Isaac and enlist a second judge.

- Bart will be asked to map out sections of the town to make it easier to assign teams to look at residential and commercial gardens for nominating for Notable Landscape Awards.

Tree keeper Inspection – The inspection date for the Tree keepers is June 13 – June 28 Sharon will send out a notice to treekeepers.

Farmington River Park- Four stainless steel owl sculpture have been mounted on posts east of the Kiosk Sign. Sharon is working on a sign and Website presence with QR code to educate the public about the owls that frequent our park.

Town Hall-Hanging Baskets – The Hanging cone baskets with red geraniums and Dichondra 'Silver Falls' planted by Sharon will be ready to be hung by DPW in June. The drip irrigation will be turned on by June 1 for watering.

Filley Park Meeting – The consensus was that Filley Park Arboretum gardens are filled with invasive weeds and need to be renovated. Currently they don't present well. Ron Pitz, Dave Melesko, Sharon and DPW management staff will meet this week to discuss options for restoration and maintaining this site.

DPW Report - Bart was absent -- no report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.
Next meeting is Tuesday June 23.