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BBC Minutes, July 28, 2026, Town Hall begun at 5:30 PM

Bloomfield Beautification Committee

Present: Claire, Karolina, Brian, Sharon, Gwen, Ruth, Ruthie, Dayle, Mary, Rise and Peter

Minutes of June 23, 2026 meeting approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1- Notable Landscape Awards.
   - Agreed on names for ten groups of two to make nomination rounds according to the map from July 28 to August 18. 1. Brian & Marcy, 2. Claire & Gwen 3. Ruth & Dayle, 4. Ruthie & Rise, 5. Mary Briggs & Joanne, 6. Joe & Mary Quinn, 7. Josh & wife Lauren 8. Karolina & Eunice 9. Diana & Peg. 10. Peter & Catherine. Large maps with each district will be available for pickup at the office of Communications and Operations.
   - Names relating to winning addresses will be researched by Rise and sent to Sharon by August 31.
   - Gwen will set up arrangements with three judges for judging on August 27 Thursday.
   - Agreed on certificates of recognition to all winners and further research by Ruth for choice of an outdoor plaque.
   - Agreed on participation cards for all entrants.
   - Reviewed list of officials with Claire to be invited along with awardees.
   - Agreed on reception on Tuesday 8 September from 6 to 8 PM at Filley Park. Committee will come at 5pm to setup. Gwen, Claire, Mary and others will bring a simple and healthy assortment of horsed d'oeuvress , water and cider.
2- Farmington River Park. Dayle and Sharon reported on clean-up of the park, the owls in place as noted also on the BBC Town website. Discussed the possibility of a spring event with someone discussing owls from Hartford Audubon Society. Sharon reported on the work she and Ron Pitz completed to restore the Arboretum at Filley Park, the anticipated removal of the old oak and discussion on how to have the community involved. All who had been to the park have admired how improved it appears.
3- Late summer maintenance of town center and other parks. Agreed on meeting morning of August 11, beginning with Mary Hill. Sharon reported on discussion with public works about a joint meeting to review scope and approach to work by town staff and volunteers. Discussed irrigation needed for long bed on Park Ave side of Town Hall.

New Business

1- Farmington River Park. Possible volunteer participation in invasives control alongside contractor Swamp Yankee. Waiting to hear from Dave Melesko.

2- Sharon reported on information signs ordered for park flower beds and creation of a Peace Pole with other plantings in Town Green. She applied for a grant from Greater Hartford Gives Foundation.
3- The Bloomfield Pollinator Pathway group is planning a fall and spring plant sale fund raiser in cooperation with local nurseries.

Next Meeting Tuesday 25 August at 5:30

With Brian's motion and Rise's second, the unanimous vote was to end the meeting at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Russell, minute taker