BBC Minutes, Tuesday, August 25, 2026

The meeting commenced at 5:44 pm. In attendance were Claire, Gwen, Rise and Sharon. All other members were absent.

Minutes
The minutes were approved by Rise and Claire seconded.

Notable Landscape

Sharon reported we received a total of 62 nominations for Notable Landscape judging.
Gwen advised she along with Claire will take the judges; Diane Hamilton and Rafael Rolon out on August 29 at 1:30pm
The date was set to have the awards celebration at Filley park and is currently set for September 8rd. from 4pm to 7pm. The event taking place from 6pm -7:30pm.
Sharon advised she purchased plates cups and napkins. She will provide Cider and water along with flowers for the food table. Refreshments will be provided by Claire, Gwen, Rise, Ruth and Mary.
We discussed desserts. Sharon suggested we consider also providing a gluten free dessert.

Public Gardens
Sharon thanked Claire, Rise, Ruth and Gwen for the cleanup at Mary Hill.
The following dates were set for the cleanup of the remaining gardens:
Town Green – August 31 – Rise volunteered
September 1 – Claire and Gwen volunteered
Additional dates may be needed for Police Department and 330 Park.

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Filley Park Oak Tree – Sharon advised the Oak tree is being removed. DPW and others have selected a tree to take its place. The arrangements are being discussed with Finance.

Farmington River Park – the Removal of invasives is currently on hold. Waiting to hear from Dave Melesko on when they will be on site.

LaSalette Park – Sharon, Ron Pitz and Peter Watson are in discussion with Nick Gabuzda our environmental planner and the Arbor Day Foundation on obtaining a grant of $15,00.00 to be used for removing invasive plants and planting of 40 Native trees and 12 native shrubs at LaSalette Park in October. Sharon applied for a Peace pole and pollinator combination for the Town Green from the Greater Hartford Gives foundation. No word yet.

New Business

Fall Decoration - Sharon will reach out to Wade's to see if they will donate pumpkins again this year. Ornamental kale and mums will be planted in mid-September.

Pollinator Pathway – Sharon advised Cori will be doing a fundraiser with Rewild Nursey and 10 Garden Clubs where she will receive 10% of the proceeds. A new native garden is being planned at Filley Park by Cori. Sharon, Peter and Catherine Lyons will be cleaning up the area.

DPW Report – Bart was absent. No report

Trees for Bloomfield Photo Contest – Sharon suggested we think about submitting photos we have taken of trees and enter the contest. Deadline is in October.

BBC T-Shirts –Sharon needs to finalize BBC T-shirt Designs as there is no official shirt for the volunteers.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:30 pm