

Beautification Minutes

April 8, 2026

Call to Order: Chairman Randy Olmstead called the scheduled meeting to order at 7:03 pm, in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Chairman Randy Olmstead, Committee member Jerry Milne, Vice-chairwoman Diane Ciano, Committee member Mary Semon, Committee member Dave Perugini and Committee member Joanne Auburn.

Excused Absence: Committee member Keith Golnik

Fire Exit Notification: Chairman Randy Olmstead noted the fire exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Randy Olmstead led the Beautification Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of minutes: A motion was made by Committee member Jerry Milne, seconded by Committee member Dave Perugini, to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2026 Beautification Committee meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- a. **Waterwheel Split Rail Fence** - Committee member Dave Perugini presented pricing for 2 rail split rail fence from Cape Cod Fence. He had thought 2 posts needed to be replaced but there are at least 5. Cape Cod fence was not willing to give a formal quote for such a small job but the price was roughly \$60 each. It is difficult to get quotes because the commission wants locust posts and cedar rails. Most businesses have pressure treated rails. They will not last as long as cedar and locust. Dave proposed replacing all the posts at once instead of 5 this year and a few every year for the next few years. Joanne offered to call to get some quotes for supplies to replace all the posts and rails. The committee was discussing paying for part of the rails with current budget and the rest out of next year's budget. The new fence will have a larger opening for the lawn mower to enter. Joanne and Dave will get pricing to replace all the rails and posts and report back next meeting.
- b. **Christmas Tree Plymouth Green** - Committee member Dave Perugini reported that the tree is too large to continue to put up lights as they have been with ladders and poles. A bucket truck is probably needed. Chairman Randy Olmstead reminded the commission that this was know an issue for the Tree Lighting subcommittee and not Beatification Committee business any longer.
- c. **Plantings at the two "Welcome to Plymouth" signs on Route 6** - Committee member Jerry Milne reported that there are currently bay lilies and daffodils in the spring but nothing

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for the rest of the year. Jerry would like to see plantings that would come back year after year like Black-eyed Susans, Sedum and Cone flowers at the sign near Thomaston. The sign on the Bristol side has sandy soil and may not grow flowers. **Committee member Jerry Milne made a motion to spend \$275 for plantings at the “Welcome to Plymouth” sign on the Thomaston side of town. Vice-chairwoman Diane Ciano seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business:

- a. **Planters** - Vice-chairwoman Diane Ciano showed the committee the sample of the water feature for the planters. Committee member Mary Semon mentioned that the features will need the water refilled when the planters are watered. Committee member Dave Perugini took the bottom half of the feature to install in the planter that will go in front of the post office. Committee voted to reimburse Vice-chairwoman Diane Ciano for this feature at the March meeting. Committee member Dave Perugini will take stock of the planters and funds needed to get them ready to be installed on Main Street before Memorial Day. He will report at the May meeting.
- b. **Christmas Decorations** - Vice-chairwoman Diane Ciano showed the committee the samples of garland and bows she purchased to replace and add to the decorations for Main Street. The committee agreed they were very good quality. **Committee member Dave Perugini made a motion, seconded by Committee member Mary Semon, to reimburse Vice-chairwoman Diane Ciano \$167.50 for the garland and bow purchased. Committee member Dave Perugini made a motion, seconded by Committee member Mary Semon, to allow Vice-chairwoman Diane Ciano to purchase another set of garlands and a bow for \$167.50. Both motions carried.**

Committee member Mary Semon added to Old Business that she spoke to the Petite Foundation, and they will be updating their pamphlet and website to list North Street Reservoir in Plymouth as a site of a Michaela's garden.

Public Comment:

Riley Liistro attended the meeting to ask the committee to place a bench at Michaela's garden in memory of her friend Maddie Bell who was murdered in 2020. Maddie was the victim of a mental health violence. The committee was happy to help the bench would be a question for Parks and Recreation. Director Maureen Cappelto was at the meeting she redirected Riley to a possible bench at Lake Winfield in memory of Maddie as the benches used at Lake Winfield are less expense that the benches at the reservoir and currently Parks and recreation is not adding to the

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North Street Reservoir Recreation area. There was discussion and the end result was that Riley would start raising money for a bench in Maddie's memory and once the money was raised. Parks and Recreation Commission would work with Riley to find a spot in Plymouth parks for the bench.

Board Member Comments: None

Adjournment: There being no further business of the Plymouth Beautification Committee, Committee member Jerry Milne made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm and Committee member Joanne Auburn seconds. No discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Cappetto

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Acting Recording Secretary