

**Salem Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2016**

In attendance: Sam Fiore, Marcia Lambert, Sandi Powers, Denise Balfe, Bev Moustakis, Barb Sirois, Colby, Ellen Talkowsky, Lisa Lyons

Absent: Mary Ellen Halliwell

Meeting Start 7:04 p.m.

Of note: BComm did not have a meeting in August (no Minutes).
Finalizing plans for fall events. Welcome Colby.

RECAP August Events

Lady of Salem at Maritime Festival and Antique Boat Show

Pumpkin Decorating Contest – October 15th and 16th

- Joe Finaro – Assistant Superintendent @ Lawrence Jail will donate 120 pumpkins
- Grace Duran – will help coordinate the Boys and Girls Club decorating event for kids
- Saltonstall has a program that will have 35 kids participating
- Witchcraft Heights School – last year 60 kids participated
- Bates School will probably need pumpkins
- Carleton School – does a Halloween party – may need extra pumpkins
- Bev will see if Thompson's has extra pumpkins, maybe Shaw's, too
- There will be a new trailer for the pumpkin contest this year
- Pumpkin Trailer will be open on October 15th (for pumpkin intake) and judging (and late pumpkin intake) will happen on October 16th (judging is at noon)

Cornstalks (Qty 200) were put up by Phil Blackwell and the Coast Guard Crew;
Garden Club and Beautiful Things put on the ribbons.

TRAFFIC ISLANDS

Mill Street Traffic Island

- Contractor (Geoso?) will pay for mulch and urns (reimbursement for the utility work needed for the new hotel/subsequent traffic island destruction)
- A plan and budget will be needed (Mulch, possibly Ivy? Grew beautifully?)
- Bev will put Mums in the pots for the fall

Mill Hill/Washington Street Traffic Island

- Restoration of Phil Blackwell's traffic island
- Sandi has a list (maybe 10 roses/\$250)
- This will be a sprint 2017 project – take a list to Thompsons for a quote
- Bev will help keep an eye on this project

Other traffic island notes

A new electrical box is in place on the Home Depot strip on Washington Street –
Yippeeee!!!!

Irene Collins takes care of Lafayette at Salem Street island

Patty does Hawthorne Boulevard

Phil Blackwell will take over Witches traffic island in 2017

LADY OF SALEM

- Sheila Billings was featured in videos/Leo – Salem Access TV
- Mary Ellen emailed Beth re: status on Village Tavern 2016 Lady debacle
- Possible new sponsor for 2017 – Turners would like a Lady as part of the -LOS program and another Lady (privately commissioned) for inside their restaurant.
- LOS will be at Waite and Pierce for Trails and Sails event – promotion
- LOS is featured in the Essex Heritage Trails and Sails program guide (last two weekends in Sept.).

Wreath Decorating and Lamppost Ribbon Wrap

- volunteers will be needed for both activities. Ellen will get the dates from Kylie Sullivan.

There will not be a BComm Meetings in October and the November meeting will be informal and take place at the wreath-ribbon decorating event. (Meeting changes are due to Halloween/down town traffic concerns and Thanksgiving Day travel/conflicts)

Meeting adjourned 8:24p.m.