I. CALL TO ORDER

Waugh called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Colborn made a motion to approve the February 18, 2016, Beautification Committee agenda. Waugh seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.


Banis made a motion to approve the January 21, 2016, Beautification Committee minutes. Walsnovich seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Updates of the proposed Bluffton Parkway Circle Improvements encroachment permit and contracts

Rooney presented.

Rooney informed the Committee that the encroachment permit and the final design were finally approved by SCDOT; and that contractors are working on the well and electrical to service the irrigation well. He said that the Town would be advertising for bids for the landscaping in the next couple of weeks and he estimated that the work could be completed by April.

2. Update of Proposed May River Road Tree Replacements

Rooney presented.

Rooney informed that Walsnovich designed a tree replacement plan based on the evaluation of the Phase 1 Streetscape trees along May River Road and Bruin Street. He stated that it needs to be determined if funds from the Tree Funds can be used for the replacements.
VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VIII. DISCUSSION

1. Continue discussion of the Adopt-a-Planter program

Rooney mentioned that in addition to tree plantings, the Adopt-a-Planter program was presented within the draft FY 2017 budget as one of the potential special projects for next year.

The Members agreed to proceed forward with a letter to Town Council explaining the program.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the parking lot improvements at the Oyster Factory Park.

Some of the Members were distraught at the amount of tree removal that took place to accommodate the parking lot. Rooney explained that the Town tried to save as many trees as possible and that there was an effort to move some of the smaller trees prior to construction.

Rooney mentioned that there might be an opportunity for the Committee to use some of the Tree Funds to do some mitigation of trees that were lost.

Colborn made a motion to approve the use of some of the Tree Funds to mitigate some of the tree removal that occurred at the parking lot area at Oyster Factory Park. Waugh seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The February 18, 2016, Beautification Committee meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.