



*Town of Seymour*  
**Beautification Commission (SBC)**

Thursday, April 23, 2026 7:00 PM

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Christopher Willis Conference Room  
20 Pine Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Seymour, CT 06483

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DATE: 4/30/26  
TIME: 2:00 PM  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**Members Present:** Chairman Stuart Brannen; Vice-Chair Nancy Chucta; Secretary Jeff Baryla; Zachary Succow (7:10)  
**Others:** John McKenzie, Land Use Department Liaison, Joe Nizelski, Jr.  
**Members Absent:** JoElle Anderson

**1. Call to Order**

*Chairman Stuart Brannen called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM*  
All present stood, saluted the flag, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

*A quorum was established.*

**3. Public Comment**

*None present.* The commission also received no written request for comment.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**A. March 19, 2026**

*Motion by J. Baryla to approve the Mar 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes, as presented. Seconded by N. Chucta. There was no discussion. Motion carried 3-0.*

**5. Reports & Correspondence**

**A. Monthly Trail Manager's Report**

All commissioners reviewed the report. There were no questions or comments.

**B. Emails/Letters to Commission**

Baryla read all emails received since the last meeting. Commissioners briefly discussed.

*Z. Succow arrived at 7:10 PM.*

**6. Old Business**

**A. Review of Cleanup Event**

The board held their first cleanup of the Land Trust property located at 338 Roosevelt on April 11. Ten (10) volunteers attended. Hundreds of pounds of bulk waste were removed from areas adjacent to the Falls Trail. Items included used tires, rusty drum barrels, discarded glass bottles and beverage cans, and more. Baryla wished to include thanks to the crew of Seymour Public Works for picking up all the waste on Monday April 13. He also thanked Z. Succow's family members for volunteering that day. More junk still exists within this wooded property abutting the Town Forest. The board is planning to host two more cleanup events later this year to help resolve the issue.

## **B. Update on Collaboration with Seymour Land Trust**

No members or volunteers representing the Seymour Land Trust were present at the cleanup event. This is disheartening, considering it took place on their property. The next collaborative educational event will be "Places I Like To Visit" on Saturday May 30 at 10 AM. According to Alex Danka, the Henry Hamel Environmental Building is unavailable that day. So he scheduled it in Seymour Public Library. Baryla will convert the lesson into an indoor-only program and lead the presentation that day.

## **7. New Business**

### **A. Discussion on Upcoming Earth Day Hike**

Event will begin 9 AM at Little Laurel. Heavy rain or high winds will postpone to Sunday. Chairman Brannen suggested going counter-clockwise around the Blue loop trail. He also recommended re-blazing a few areas sometime after the event. Trail Manager Baryla reminded of the board's priorities with the property and where he felt re-blazing stood. The trail map/guide on the Town's website is outdated, and the board has yet to publicize or post any official town trails. While Baryla strongly feels that closing/decommissioning any rogue and illegal trails should be a higher priority, he agrees that temporary blazes in some tricky and confusing areas may be helpful for new visitors. So, he and Brannen will arrange privately for a date & time to go in and add/remove some of the Blue blazes.

### **B. Approval of Upcoming Event Schedule**

All future work parties will be scheduled based on job or task priority, not location. Dates will be chosen by availability. Locations to be announced later by the board and/or Town. All commissioners agreed and proposed the following dates/events:

Sat Apr 25 9 AM Earth Day Hike at LL	Sat May 2 9:30 AM Work Party	Sat May 9 9:30 AM Work Party	Sat May 16 9:30 AM Work Party
Sat May 30 10 AM Part 3 of Educational Series (Library)	Sat Jun 13 9:30 AM Work Party	Sat Jun 20 9:30 AM Work Party	

*Motion by N. Chucta to approve the Upcoming Event Schedule as presented.  
Seconded by Z. Succow. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.*

## **8. Public Comment**

None.

## **9. Adjournment**

*Motion by N. Chucta. Seconded by Z. Succow.*

*All in favor (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeff Baryla*

Secretary/Trail Manager

**Seymour Beautification Commission will next meet on Thurs May 21 at 7:00 PM.**