

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
MARCH 1, 2017  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

**PRESENT:** Archibald, Vitarelli, Presnick-Lyon, Meyerjack  
and O'Donnell

**ABSENT:** Bonaminio, Cacace and Dillman

**STAFF:** Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice - Chairman Archibald called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Vitarelli to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting and seconded by Mr. Meyerjack. All were in favor.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to nominate Mr. Bonaminio as Chairman of the Cheshire Town Beautification Committee. Acting Chairman, Ms. Archibald, announced the nomination three times. Seeing no opposition, the unanimous vote was to elect Mr. Bonaminio as Chairman.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to nominate Ms. Archibald as Vice-Chairman of the Cheshire Town Beautification Committee. Acting Chairman, Ms. Archibald, announced the nomination three times. Seeing no opposition, the unanimous vote was to elect Ms. Archibald as Vice-Chairman.

The office of Secretary was postponed until the April meeting.

Members discussed duties of the office of secretary.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **BUSINESS**

### **a. Signage Review – Elim Park – 140 & 150 Cook Hill Road Hanging, Freestanding & Wall Signs**

Ms. Diane Ahern and Mr. Christopher Adams, representing Adams Ahern Sign Solutions of Hartford, were present this morning to inform the committee about the proposed signs that will be erected at Elim Park. Ms. Ahern addressed the committee and told them that the purpose of the new signage is to facilitate safety and ease of getting around Elim Park. She said that currently there are two addresses, 140 & 150. The new signs should expedite traffic to each address. The "Rehabilitation & Health Center" part will be illuminated and the "Elim Park" part

will have halo lighting. Defining the entrances is the priority. The signs will also determine the different “neighborhoods”. The landscaping will also be modified so the signage is visible.

Mr. Meyerjack made a motion to approve the new signs at Elim Park. The motion was seconded by Ms. Archibald. All were in favor.

### **Planters**

This year the committee will be taking care of two more planters on West Main Street. They are located at the entrance to the linear trail heading north. Ms. Archibald added that the greens will be pulled now and replanting will be done in April. Mr. Sitko said he will get a quote from Abilities Without Boundaries for watering.

### **Budget**

Mr. Sitko said that the town budget has not been submitted so he should have a report next month.

### **Street Trees**

Mr. Sitko asked the committee to consider another location for planting trees. Perhaps West Main Street would be a good location.

### **Dog Park**

The committee had asked about planting a tree in the center of the dog park on Waterbury Road but was not allowed over a capped former landfill.

### **Arbor Day**

The committee decided to plant a tree at Highland School and not the other schools. Mr. Sitko said a letter would be sent to the schools informing them of this decision.

### **Awards Program**

The awards program will not be held until 2018. Mr. Sitko reminded everyone to keep looking for sites.

### **Parklets**

There was some discussion regarding the activation of the lights at the center of town and at Ives Corner. The committee recognized that the proposed lights have a cost but Mr. Sitko said that perhaps the TBC could help pay for the “flush” lights.

### **Signs**

The committee expressed concern over the amount of non-approved signs in Cheshire. Mr. Sitko said the town basically left everyone alone during the recession, but because it's getting out of hand, the zoning enforcement officer may have to address these signs.

### **Adopt-a-Spot**

The committee discussed the Bartlem Park area once again but still decided that as long as it is kept weeded it will look fine.

The Animal Control sign on Highland Avenue was also discussed. The people at the Animal Control Center are willing to water but not plant. The committee decided to leave it as it is.

Letters will go out this month asking people if they are interested in continuing to participate.

### **Liaison Reports**

No report.

**Discussion**

Members discussed the benches on the linear trail. Mr. O'Donnell noted that the price of a plaque for an existing bench is \$500, but a bench and plaque is \$1700.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Meyerjack and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 9:03.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee