

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 2017
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

PRESENT: Bonaminio, Archibald, Vitarelli, Presnick-Lyon, Dillman, Meyerjack, Cacace and O'Donnell

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio 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 Mr. O'Donnell to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting and seconded by Ms. Archibald. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Cacace to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Sign Subcommittee meeting and seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

Ms. Archibald asked the committee if someone was willing to become a permanent member of the sign subcommittee. Members discussed the starting time and felt that time was important because some sign makers travel a great distance.

MOTION: Ms. Archibald made a motion to change the starting time of the sign subcommittee meeting from 9:00 to 8:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

Ms. Vitarelli said she would take the position.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

Planters

Currently, the planters have pansies in them but Ms. Archibald said she will be getting Dragon Wing Begonias and will add Purple Fountain Grass for the summer.

Street Trees

Mr. Sitko said that Todd Pisani from Brookside Landscaping has the trees the committee wanted and is ready for planting. Mr. Sitko and other interested members of the committee will meet with Todd tomorrow at 10 a.m. to discuss the plantings.

Ms. Archibald suggested planting some trees on the green on Elm Street near town hall. Mr. O'Donnell said that it would be good to make sure the trees were salt resistant. A suggestion was to plant Kwansan Cherry trees. Mr. Sitko added

that three salt resistant trees would be good and he would mention it to Mr. Pisani when he meets with him.

Ms. Cacace noted that the cherry trees on Route 42 are in bloom and they look beautiful.

Adopt-a-Spot

Mr. Sitko announce that all “spots” have been taken for this year and that letters will be sent out shortly reminding the participants that they should be done with planting by Memorial Day.

Awards

Members were reminded that if there is to be an awards ceremony next year, now is the time to be looking at properties so pictures can be taken.

Arbor Day Activities

Ms. Archibald and Mr. Bonaminio went out recently and found several trees to be appreciated. After the trees were identified, letters were sent to the homeowners asking their permission to place a green ribbon on the tree for Arbor Day. The following homeowners have trees to be appreciated:

Norton Farms – Red Maple and Sugar Maple

Mark & Karyn Thompson – Weeping Flowering Cherry

Mark & Erica Bobruff – Red Oak

Camber Uhlman – Yoshino Cherry

Laura Angliss – Japanese Umbrella Pine

Vincent & Emily Danese – American Beech

Liaison Reports

Mr. O'Donnell reported that Mr. Ceccolini, Director of Parks and Recreation, will be retiring on May 31st and a reception in his honor will be held on May 24 at 4:30 at the Youth Center. He also said that effective July 1, the Parks and Recreation maintenance workers will come under the direction of the Public Works department. There will be no new maintenance workers hired at this time.

The Memorial Day parade will be held on Sunday, May 28th.

Ms. Archibald said there is an area in front of town hall that is not being kept up and asked if it could be mulched instead. Mr. O'Donnell said he would see what could be done.

Members also asked if Mr. Nowatne, Director of Public Works, could attend the September meeting to tell the TBC what was happening with the two departments. Mr. Sitko said he would contact him.

Discussion

Mr. Sitko said that the former Citgo gas station next to Arby's was purchased by John Ricci and he will be moving his office there.

A project for the former Cheshire Cinema land is currently being designed.

Yougu at Maplecroft Plaza plans to open in June.

Domino's Pizza is coming to town and will open near the Cheshire Laundromat.

Mr. Sitko said the staff is currently working on a town blight ordinance.

Mr. Sitko said that two "Welcome to Cheshire" signs are to be replaced and he is currently working with Creative Dimensions on a price.

The consignment shop in the former Staples Plaza will be moving to Maplecroft Plaza in the place where Dinali was located.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Dillman.
All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 9:05 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee