

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 7, 2017
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

ABSENT: Cacace and Meyerjack

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 8:05 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. Presnick-Lyon to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting as corrected and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. The correction being

made is on page 3. Ms. Cacace also went with Mr. Bonaminio and Ms. Archibald to look at trees to be appreciated. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli to accept the May 17, 2017 Sign Subcommittee meeting. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

a. Planters

Members felt the planters look good. They have been changed to the summer flowers. Ms. Archibald also noted that the planter in front of town hall has been planted with Sedum.

b. Street Trees

The additional street trees that the committee decided to plant in Bartlem Park will most likely be planted next week.

c. Adopt-a-Spot

The Adopt-a-Spot program is off to a good start. Mr. Sitko noted that the Yellow House sign was broken and needs to be fixed. There was also some discussion regarding plantings at Artsplace. Mr. Bonaminio has been helping Artsplace with landscaping for several years.

d. Awards

The committee discussed if giving the same properties awards every year was a good thing to do. Mr. O'Donnell said that as long as the property owners are doing a good job every year then they should be given an award. The committee also discussed giving a different type of award for multiple-year recipients. A platinum-type award was suggested. Mr. Sitko reminded everyone that there is a "continuous care" category.

The following businesses were suggested to receive awards: VR Osteria, Champion Ambulance, Irving Service Station, Cheshire Welcome Inn, Vespucci's and Cheshire Academy. Ms. Dillman said she would begin taking photos of the various places. Everyone was asked to keep looking for places worthy of an award.

Discussion

Members then discussed various ways to improve West Main Street. Banners on the lamp poles and planting trees along the road were some of suggestions. Mr. Bonaminio, Ms. Vitarelli, Ms. Dillman and Ms. Archibald said they would walk the area near the end of the month to see what could be done. Mr. Sitko said 3 Maple trees were available from public works for planting near the town hall parking area. Mr. O'Donnell said that whatever is done should be as maintenance free as possible. Mr. Sitko brought the St. Bridget cemetery to the attention of the members. He reminded them that since the TBC stopped taking care of the area along Route 10 the weeds have taken over.

Ms. Dillman noted that she had been in England recently and saw that properties there have meadows. She asked if this could be done locally. Mr. O'Donnell mentioned that there were several places in Cheshire where wildflowers are growing.

Liaison Report

Mr. O'Donnell reported that Mr. Ceccolini is now retired and Sandy Petela is the acting director. She had previously been deputy director of the Parks and Recreation Department. He said that Mr. Ceccolini's retirement party had a very good turnout.

Mr. O'Donnell also reported that a smoking ban is now in effect in all town parks. The police will enforce the policy, mostly by complaint.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 9:01 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee