

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
JULY 12, 2017  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 8:00 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. Meyerjack to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting as corrected and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. The correction being on page 2, under "Planters". It should be noted that Ms. Archibald planted Sedum instead of Sweet Potato Vine because it would handle the water better.

All were in favor of the correction and the minutes were approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**NEW MEMBER**

Committee members welcomed Jessica Fischer to the TBC.

**BUSINESS**

**Planters**

Mr. Bonaminio commented on the look at the gas station on Route 42. He said the plantings looked good.

Mr. Sitko was asked if there any actual planters left. He said there were three in reserve in case any were damaged.

The TBC felt that the planters on the street and at town hall were attractive.

**Street Trees**

The committee was concerned about the town mowers hitting the trees and asked if mulch could be placed around the base so they would not be hit.

Mr. O'Donnell reminded everyone that Director of Public Works George Noewatne is planning to address the committee at the September meeting to explain to everyone what will be happening with the changeover between Parks and Recreation and Public Works.

Mr. Sitko said he spoke with Todd Pisani of Brookside Landscaping concerning the tree at Country Club Road and Route 10 and the decision was that the tree is in bad shape. Mr. Bonaminio will give a second opinion.

**Adopt-a-Spot**

The sign at the Yellow House will be replaced. In addition, two new “Welcome to Cheshire” signs are being made for Route 68 and Route 10, according to Mr. Sitko. Ms. Dillman is still in the process of taking pictures for the Adopt-a-Spot program.

**Awards**

Mr. Bonaminio noted that a house on the corner of Jinny Hill Road and Jill Lane has a very nice landscaped corner. He felt that a lot of work was put into it.

Other suggestions for awards for the coming year are: Cheshire Nursery, the new Dunkin’ Donuts on Highland Avenue and New Leaf Dental on West Main Street.

Members should continue to look for additional properties.

**August Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. O’Donnell and seconded by Ms. Cacace to cancel the August meeting unless something very important comes up. All were in favor.

**Liaison Reports**

Mr. O’Donnell repeated again that Director of Public Works George Noewatne will speak to the committee in September to inform them of the changes in the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments.

Mr. O’Donnell also said that the summer concert series will begin starting July 21<sup>st</sup> and continue every Friday throughout the summer.

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Sitko presented a plan from Viron Rondo for a proposed 4100 sq. ft. addition.

A motion was made by Ms. Dillman and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli to add the unbold plan to the agenda. All were in favor.

The plan is for additional bar and kitchen space. The addition will be built to the north of the existing building. This acquisition will double the current space and construction will most likely start in the fall.

After reviewing the plan, the committee felt that not enough information was given about the landscaping and the plantings that will be used and they would like to know more before approving the plan.

Mr. Sitko said he would like to meet with Mr. Bonaminio and a representative of Mr. Rondo.

Mr. Sitko also suggested holding off on an award this year and wait until next year after the addition is completed.

A motion was made by Ms. Dillman that the TBC is certain that Mr. Rondo will do a beautiful job, it does not have enough information on this particular plan to give him meaningful feedback. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. All were in favor.

Ms. Archibald was looking to see where trees could be planted along West Main Street. Ms. Dillman suggested planting them at the entrance to the trail. Mr. Sitko said that the location is tight for space for trees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli.

All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:52 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk

Town Beautification Committee