

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 4, 2017
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

PRESENT: Bonaminio, Archibald, Vitarelli, Dillman, Fischer, Cacace, and Meyerjack

ABSENT: O'Donnell and Presnick-Lyon

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 8:04 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 September 6, 2017 meeting and seconded by Ms. Cacace. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

Discussion: Ms. Archibald said that the daffodil bulbs were ready to be planted and Mr. Bonaminio said he had them. At tentative date of Wednesday, October 11 was set as the planting date. Ms. Archibald, Ms. Fischer, Ms. Cacace and Mr. Bonaminio volunteered to be the planters and will meet at 9 a.m. at St. Peter's parklet. After planting there, the group will head north to the area near Campion Ambulance.

Planters

Members agreed that the planters on West Main Street are looking good and they are also still being watered. Mr. Sitko was asked about the remaining money for watering and he said that it is sufficient at this time.

Street Trees

The committee discussed the newly planted London Plane trees and felt that they need to be watered. Mr. Sitko said he would call Brookside Landscaping to have them watered.

Mr. Bonaminio said he has been checking the south side of West Main Street and found several places where trees could be planted. He also felt that the north side of the street could use some smaller plantings like Dogwoods.

Mr. Sitko asked the committee to focus on the business area for plantings. He said he would obtain a map of the area from public works.

Adopt-a-Spot

Mr. Sitko said that thank you letters would go out soon. Perhaps in the future, those that took part in the program will be asked to also keep the planted areas trimmed.

Awards

The committee looked over the list of possible properties to receive awards. The following properties will receive an award: Cheshire Lutheran Church, Elim Park, Lucinda's Hair Salon, Osterman & Co., The Notch Store, Vespucci's, Victorian House and Viron Rondo Osteria. A decision was made to bring the awards to the recipients. Mr. Bonaminio noted that a breakfast would be nice but many don't attend. Ms. Dillman said that the awards need recognition. A full page ad with pictures in the Cheshire Herald was suggested but because of the expense would not likely be done. Another suggestion was the Citizen. It was determined that whichever one was the least expensive would get the job. Other suggestions were the town web site and the community forum. Mr. Sitko noted that the town web site was being redesigned and wouldn't be ready until November. Ms. Dillman said she would be happy to obtain the plaques for the recipients.

Liaison Reports

No report.

Discussion

Mr. Sitko announce that at the November meeting he will be bringing plans for a new 41,000 sq. ft. medical office building that will be erected on South Main Street next to 7-11.

Ms. Dillman asked if murals could be painted on the trail near Lyon & Billard. She was told that something of that sort was in the works. Mr. Sitko said that Patti Flynn-Harris and Artsplace would be doing it.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dillman 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