

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 6, 2017  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

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

**ABSENT:** Cacace

**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. Meyerjack to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2017 regular meeting and was seconded by Ms. Archibald.

All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Vitarelli to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2017 special meeting and was seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES FOR 2018**

A motion was made by Ms. Archibald to accept the meeting dates for 2018 and seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Vitarelli to accept the sign subcommittee dates for 2018 and seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Planters**

Ms. Archibald told the committee that after the last meeting she, along with Ms. Vitarelli and Ms. Fischer, went out and finished decorating all the planters. She went on to say that the Balsam Fir branches that she obtained cost \$51. A total of 225 lbs. was needed.

#### **FY 18 Budget**

Mr. Sitko mentioned once again how much the State budget has cut into the town's budget. He also noted that the town manager has asked the various committees to hold off on spending for the time being. Mr. Sitko did say, however, that he still would like to proceed with the awards program, if possible.

### **Street Trees**

Mr. Sitko noted that the committee had reviewed the planting plan for the new office building that will be erected on South Main Street. Mr. Bonaminio questioned the type of Maple trees that would be planted on the site but was told that the Bow Hall Maple is rather tall and would not impede vision of motorists. Mr. Sitko said that he recently spoke with Mr. Schrumm about trees at entrances of the linear trail because space is limited in the West Main Street commercial area. Ms. Archibald added that perhaps after the Ball & Socket building is finished with its remodeling, there will be some space for trees.

Mr. Sitko was also asked about the tree that is to be replaced at the entrance to Country Club Road and was told that it would be planted in the spring.

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

The Adopt-a-Spot program has ended for the year and most “spots” have been cleaned.

### **Awards Program**

The list for the program is ready but temporarily on hold.

### **Holiday Greens for Town Hall & Library**

The greens decorating was postponed because of rain from Tuesday, December 5 to Wednesday December 6. After the meeting this morning, Mr. Bonaminio and other members of the committee will be out decorating town hall and the library with garland and wreaths.

**Eversource Substation at Mansion Road and South Main Street**

Mr. Sitko said he has spoken with the people at Eversource Energy about the unsightly condition of the substation and they assured him that it would be taken care of in the spring.

**Liaison Report**

Mr. O'Donnell reported that he would be meeting with Joshua Medieros, the new director of recreation this evening. Mr. O'Donnell also announced that this year there will be an ice rink next to the Youth Center on the basketball court. It will be weather dependent and be for skating only.

**Other**

Mr. Sitko noted that a private individual is interested in making a butterfly garden off the final section of the linear trail. Ms. Archibald suggested that after the trail is completed the project include plants that would attract pollinators and butterflies. Mr. Bonaminio suggested Cone Flowers, Bee Balm and Butterfly Bush.

Ms. Dillman noted that the siding of the Lyon & Billard building abutting the trail is falling off.

Mr. Sitko then thanked the committee members for their help during this past year and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 8:43 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee