

**MEETING NOTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JULY 6, 2011
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

PRESENT: Bonaminio, Voelker, Dawson, Presnick-Lyon, Linder,
and Archibald

ABSENT: Cacace, Truluck, Pelletier, O'Donnell, Meyerjack and Ecke

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7: 33 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - TBC

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes from the May 4, 2011 meeting and the June 1, 2011 meeting were not approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

Plan Reviews

**Special Design Project – PABCO, Inc. & 200 OTR Associates, LLC
200 Old Towne Road & 168 South Main Street**

Mr. Paul Bowman, Developer for PABCO and Mr. John Hammer, Landscape Architect for Milone & MacBroom were available and explained the proposed plan to the committee. Mr. Bowman began by telling the committee that the proposed plan is to restore the Keeler house and replicate the stove shop that had been demolished. Mr. Hammer added that both front buildings will be connected and shade trees and a fence will be used as a buffer from the neighbor to the north. Foundation plantings and trees such as European Hornbeam, a variety of Elm, Willows and Arborvitae will be used. The plan is also to plant Rhododendron, boxwood, lilac, azalea and dogwood for foundation plantings. Mr. Bowman said he has met with the neighbor regarding the fence and it will be erected on the abutting property. Mr. Bowman also showed a rendering of the finished design to the committee along with illustrations of possible

sidewalk designs, fencing and lighting. There was no opposition and the committee was in favor of the design.

Sign Reviews

There were no sign reviews.

Expo

No report.

Adopt-a-Spot

Members felt the Yellow House and the southend firehouse looked very good. Highland Healthcare and Bartlem Park are good and the Dietrich Gardens project at the I-691 exit ramp was exceptional.

Street Trees

Mr. Bonaminio checked on a previously asked question concerning the funds that might be available from the Cheshire Land Trust for tree plantings. He was told another check would be made into the availability of these funds for town use.

Barrels

Members felt the barrels are looking good now that they have been replanted for the summer. When the plantings grow a bit more, they will look even better.

West Main Street Commercial Area

Mr. Sitko said the project is coming along. Mastrobattisto Construction will be doing the restoration on the culvert and the major detour would most likely be around the last week of August. Clove Construction will soon be on site to do the streetscape improvements.

TBC Awards

Mr. Sitko asked the committee to keep looking for properties to be recognized. Some suggestions this morning were, Lucinda's Hair Salon on Highland Avenue and McDonald's on South Main Street.

Library

Mr. Bonaminio noted that the plantings are completed at the library and everyone is happy with the outcome of the project.

Southend Firehouse

Mr. Bonaminio and Mr. Linder have checked out the landscaping at the firehouse and come up with a plan to enhance the grounds. Three Green Mountain Sugar Maples will be planted along King Road after the removal of the two Maple trees that are currently there. Another Maple tree on the front left side of the building will be removed and replaced with a Kwansan Cherry. New plants will be added to the front area near the flagpole and sign and properly mulched. Work on this project should be starting next week.

REPORTS

Parks & Recreation

No report.

Economic Development Commission

Mr. Sitko announced that the former Stoneworks property on Highland Avenue has been purchased by Drs. Feldman and Desai and will be developed as office space. The entire Marshall Fisco building on the east side of Highland Avenue may soon be rented. Procure Pharmaceuticals will also be moving to Cheshire. The company will be located at 1492 Highland Avenue.

Town Council

No report.

Planning & Zoning

Mr. Dawson reported that the only item on the agenda at this time is the PABCO restoration project on South Main Street.

Budget

The 2011-2012 budget for the year for the TBC will be \$13,300.

Other

It is the consensus of all that attended the meeting this morning that the August meeting be cancelled due to anticipated lack of quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:24 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee