

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 6, 2018
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

PRESENT: Bonaminio, Archibald, Dillman, Cacace, Presnick-Lyon, Vitarelli and Meyerjack

ABSENT: Fischer and O'Donnell

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called meeting of the Town Beautification Committee to order at 8:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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 May 2, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bonaminio said he received a note from Deb Rudder telling him how nice the Crabapple trees looked at the library. A suggestion was made to add hanging planters to the poles on West Main Street. A comment was made that there are planters near the poles. Ms. Archibald asked if it was possible for public works to use their leaf blowers to clean up the brick sidewalks on West Main. Mr. Sitko said he thought the property owners should take on this responsibility. He reminded everyone that West Main Street is a state road.

A suggestion was also made by Ms. Archibald to have American flags on the light poles on West Main Street. Another suggestion was to put Christmas wreaths on the poles during the holidays. Ms. Dillman noted that some of the Rhododendron at the parklet on Route 10 and Maple Avenue are dead and should be removed. Ms. Cacace added that the white Petunias planted at Bartlem Park look very nice. Ms. Dillman said that comments have been made concerning the sign at the Cheshire Police Department. Mr. Sitko said it had been reviewed by the sign subcommittee and zoning enforcement officer.

BUSINESS

Site Plan – Self Storage Facility – 1701 Highland Avenue

Mr. Sitko began by telling the committee that the proposed plan is for a 52,000 sq. ft. climate controlled facility on Highland Avenue. It will have access from Reinhard Road. Jim Fazzone is the applicant/owner. It will be located in the north end of town near Dunkin Donuts. Mr. Sitko said that the Planning & Zoning Commission will review the plans next week but said that he will ask for additional time because they have no landscaping plan. He showed the committee a rough rendering of the facility.

Planters

The Pansies have been removed and replaced with Purple Fountain grass surrounded by Begonias. Mr. Bonaminio added that those at Arts Place have been planted.

Street Trees

Mr. Bonaminio said that the London Plane trees that were planted look good. Mr. Sitko said that the dead tree on Route 10 and Country Club Road still has to be removed. Discussion then turned toward the “wall” on South Main Street. Mr. Sitko said the state would probably give the town a permit to fix it.

Adopt-a-Spot

Most “spots” have been planted and look good. The I- 691 area has yet to be planted. Dietrich Gardens is responsible for the “spot”.

Blight Ordinance

Mr. Sitko said the proposal has gone back to the Ordinance Review Committee because the Town Council has additional questions. Mr. Sitko also noted that there are several areas along Route 10 that need to be addressed.

Liaison Reports

There are none.

Discussion

- Mr. Sitko told the committee that the town received a \$750,000 grant for remediation of the Ball & Socket Arts property.
- The retirement party for Town Manager Michael Milone is on June 21, 2018 at the Aqua Turf in Southington.

- Mr. Sitko will see if there's an available working balance in the budget. If there is, he'll ask the committee for suggestions on how to spend it. He said that he submitted \$13,200 for FY 19 and it was accepted. It's the same amount as last year and he noted that the town is pleased with the work that is done by the beautification committee.
- Planning & Zoning is looking at changes that could be made to the Interchange Zone and also applying for a Special Design District along Route 10 from Creamery Road north.
- Riverhouse Catering is basically a new business in town. They are currently using the rear of the former Cugino's building but are looking to expand. They will be looking at an opening date in September.
- Mr. Sean Kimball is officially the new town manager and plans on making the rounds of different boards and commissions in the future.

Ms. Archibald asked about Michael O'Donnell as a continuing member. Mr. Sitko said he would check. She also asked about the status of Lora's Deli. Mr. Sitko said there was some interest in it.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:45 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee