

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

**PRESENT:** Bonaminio, Archibald, Dillman, Cacace, Presnick-Lyon, and Fischer

**ABSENT:** Vitarelli, Meyerjack 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 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was determined.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Sitko said that Ms. Vitarelli has resigned since she is moving to Massachusetts. Ms. Dillman inquired about the status of Mr. O'Donnell.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Archibald to accept the minutes of the July 5, 2018 meeting and was seconded by Ms. Fischer. All were in favor.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Sitko noted the since the final phase of the linear trail has been completed, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, September 9 at 12:30 p.m. He invited all to attend. He also said there was parking in the area.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Request for funds for Cheshire Library**

Deborah Rutter, acting director of the Cheshire Library, was on hand to speak to the committee asking for money for replacement of shrubs and for a flat of Phlox to plant at the library. The total amount that she is asking for is between \$350 and \$420. The price for the flat of Phlox is \$125. The cost of the shrubs has not been determined at this time pending the type and size of shrubs that will be obtained. Hex Juniper and Montgomery Dwarf Blue Spruce were her suggestions. Ms. Dillman asked if both sections of plants had to be done together. She was told that they weren't. Ms. Rutter said that she would prefer the flat of Phlox first so they can be planted now. Mr. Bonaminio said that the committee will discuss the budget today and get back to her at a later date.

Ms. Dillman made a motion to approve the purchase of Phlox at this time, up to \$150.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cacace. All were in favor.

### **Planters**

Members commented on how nice the planters look. Ms. Archibald said she and Abilities water periodically and she looks after the flowers in the planters.

### **Street Trees**

The replacement tree on Route 10 at Country Club Road has been planted and has blended in with the others.

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

Mr. Sitko said that the “spots” look fine. Some need a little care but for the most part they are in good shape.

### **Planting Projects for FY 19**

Members felt that the area around town hall is in need of attention. Mr. Sitko said that a plan should be developed focusing on town hall. He said the area should be cleaned up and planted. Ms. Archibald said the property needed to be edged, mulched and weeded. Mr. Sitko suggested that trees and shrubs should be included, if necessary. Mr. Bonaminio said that he would like to do a “walk around” after the meeting to see just what needs to be done. Mr. Sitko said he would inform the town manager and public works what the TBC is contemplating. He also asked members to think of a second project.

Ms. Dillman noted that the weeds on various areas of town property are a disgrace and should be tended to. She specifically noted an area at the Youth Center and had a picture showing the committee what she meant. Mr. Sitko said he would invite George Noewatne, director of public works and/or Mark Cunningham, assistant director of public works to attend a meeting. Mr. Sitko said he also felt that Town Manager Kimball should be invited to a future meeting.

There was also some discussion about the “wall” on South Main Street and what could be done about it. Mr. Sitko, once again, reiterated that the wall belongs to the State of Connecticut. He did say, however, that he would check with a mason(s) to see if something could be done to make it more presentable.

Ms. Archibald asked if the TBC was going to plant bulbs once again this fall because she felt that this is the time to order them. She suggested that the pool area might be a good place to plant them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 9:04 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee