

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 7, 2018
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

PRESENT: Bonaminio, Archibald, Presnick-Lyon, Meyerjack, Fischer, Colacrai and O'Donnell

ABSENT: Dillman and Cacace

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 8:04 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 October 3, 2018 meeting and was seconded by Ms. Colacrai. All were in favor.

A second motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack to accept the minutes of the Sign Subcommittee meeting of October 17, 2018 and was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor and agreed that the sign was acceptable.

BUSINESS

ADOPT-A-SPOT

Mr. Sitko said that letters to clean the “spots” for winter have been sent out and most of the spots have been taken care of.

Mr. Sitko also asked the committee about their thoughts on refacing the “Adopt-a-Spot” signs. He said they are getting old and he thought it would be good to update them at this time. He didn’t want them thrown away but said they could use some updating. Ms. Archibald asked if the same company would be used and Mr. Sitko said it would be. It was decided that Mr. Sitko would bring one of the signs to the next meeting and the committee could look at it and decide what it wanted to do.

LANDSCAPING SUGGESTIONS FOR TOWN HALL PROPERTY

Mr. Sitko began by reminding the committee that Ms. Nichols visit to the TBC last month was a big help and various things were brought to the attention of the Public Works Department. Mr. Sitko said that Mr. Noewatne, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Pruitt will be getting together to discuss how to handle the grounds around town hall and other buildings. After a walk around the building by TBC members, the following items were noted:

- 1) The small white stones should be replaced with mulch.
- 2) Branches on either side of the new front door should be pruned and on the left side of the new front door some of the bushes should be pruned, cut back and new ones added.
- 3) The tree stumps on the south side of the building should be ground down and a small tree added.
- 4) An additional shrub should be added to the left of the front door and the cigarette receptacle removed.
- 5) Also, in the front, plant ornamental grasses and add mulch.
- 6) Edge the entire south side of the building, remove ornamental grasses and replace tree that was cut down with a large flowering tree.
- 7) Ornamental grasses should be planted near the stairway of the old front of building.

Mr. Sitko said he has talked to George Noewatne about attending a meeting with the TBC or meeting with just a few committee members. He is willing to do either. Mr. Sitko thought that if Ms. Archibald stopped taking care of the planters, he would probably hire someone because they look so nice that it would be a shame to see them not be taken care of properly. He went on to say that the immediate objective is clean up the properties and details on future maintenance would come later from Mr. Noewatne.

EVERSOURCE SUBSTATION AT MANSION ROAD & SOUTH MAIN STREET

Mr. Sitko said he spoke with the arborist at Eversource concerning the cleaning up of the area where the substation is located. Emerald Green Arborvitae would be planted around three sides of the substation at various distances from the substation so that animals would not be able to access it. Along the Route 10 side, some lower level plantings would occur. Mr. Sitko added that a black fence was erected. Mr. Bonaminio said that the property would look nice if maintained.

PLANTINGS AT CHESHIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A picture of one of two shrubs that were purchased was shown to the committee members along with a thank you note for the money received.

AWARDS

Members discussed the awards and noted there were none in 2017. A list of past recipients was included in the packet. Mr. Sitko asked the members to review the list and possibly look for others to be added and decide on what would be done next year.

Ms. Archibald asked if anyone knew if the Stop & Shop plaza had two owners. She said that because she noted that one area had plantings and was taken care of while another area was not.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 9:05 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk

Town Beautification Committee