

MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2018
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207

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

ABSENT: Dillman, Cacace and O'Donnell

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting of the Town Beautification Committee to order at 8:02 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 November 7, 2018 meeting as amended by committee member Jessica Fischer and was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor. The corrections being: Under "Landscaping suggestions for town hall property" the last line should read: After a walk around the building by TBC members Jessica Fischer and Pat Archibald, a list of suggestions was generated and **is attached**. The following items were noted:

- 1) The small white stones at front of building could be replaced with mulch if stones become unattractive.

- 2) Bare branches on the right side of the new front door should be pruned and on the left side of the new front door the bushes should be pruned differently to allow a more natural shape and form. The old rose bush should be removed and new shrubs added.
- 3) The tree stumps on the south side of the building should be ground down and a tree added.
- 6) Edge the entire south side of the building, remove ornamental grasses and replace tree that was cut down with a large flowering tree. Existing trees should be pruned to reflect natural form of tree.
- 7) Ornamental grasses should be planted and mulched near the stairway of the front of building on Route 10.

Ms. Archibald suggested that in the spring everyone should walk around the town hall building. Mr. Sitko said he felt that the committee should meet with Mr. Noewatne first.

APPROVAL OF 2019 MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack to approve the dates for regular meetings and sign subcommittee meeting dates for 2019 with changes. The July 3, 2019 regular meeting date will be changed to July 10, 2019 and the sign subcommittee will be meeting on the third Thursday. The motion was seconded by Ms. Archibald. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Sitko announced that a holiday social will take place on December 20, 2018 in council chambers at 5 p.m. for all boards and commissions and invited everyone to attend.

BUSINESS

Site Plan – 1008 South Main Street – Medical Office Building

Mr. Sitko showed the proposed plan to the committee and said it was to be a 3,450 sq. ft. medical office building to be built by John Ricci. Its will be on the property previously occupied by Colorama. The project will have 22 parking spaces. After reviewing the plan, it was determined that there were sufficient plantings. Honey Locust were to be located in the front and Red Maple in the rear.

A suggestion and subsequent motion was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon that planters be added in front for color. Ms. Archibald seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Power Station Events Monument Sign

Mr. Sitko said that the sign permit application for Power Station at 1718 Highland Avenue will be deferred to a later meeting.

Awards

Mr. Sitko asked the committee to keep an eye out for award recipients and look over the list. Ms. Archibald suggested we wait for Viron Rondo's addition to be finished.

Town Hall and Library Decorations

Mr. Bonaminio said that the buildings were decorated yesterday and everyone felt they looked very attractive.

Liaison Reports

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:40 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beatification Committee

Attachment

Some suggestions after walk around Cheshire Town Hall 10/9/2018

Starting at back of building or new front entrance of building

1. Small white stones should be replaced with mulch. Small stones are going to be launched by snow blowers clearing the walkway into parked cars. The stones also collect leaves in the fall that are difficult to remove. Another thought is to add two shrubs at the middle of the wall at the widest part to break up the look of the long wall.
2. Moving to either side of new front door. On right side of the door prune back thick branches that have no leaves along branch. Possibly add another evergreen large leafed shrub.
3. On the left side of the new front door remove the rose bush and some of the day lilies. Allow ilex shrubs to grow taller. Stop pruning gold leaf false cypress and allow it to achieve its natural shape. Some of the day lilies could be replaced by new shrubs because the view from the curb has been increased by cutting down trees near curb. The new shrubs could also add color by having gold or blueish colored leaves
4. At mail box side on Wallingford road grind two tree stumps. The smallest square should be made all grass. The larger square should have a replacement tree of 3" diameter planted in center of square. Similar to large dogwood in parking lot.
5. Add an additional shrub behind the blue bench at the left of the front door and dispose of large ugly cigarette receptacle.
6. Moving to South side of building, Edge the whole bed along the side of building. Remove ornamental grasses and replace tree that was cut down with a large 3" flowering tree. Suggestions cornus mas, fringe tree, stewartia. crab apple 'adam'. There are two trees already there a third would increase the look of uniformity along the side of the building.
7. Moving to old front of building, Plant medium size ornamental grasses near stairway. Mulch to sidewalk. The grasses could be cut down in the fall making snow removal easy. The petunias were very nice for the Memorial Day parade but did not flower well for summer and now look very poor.
8. When the blue planter is no longer serviceable, plant small shrubs on either side of blue bench at front of building. Work at improving lawn at old front of building