

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 6, 2019
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

ABSENT: Cacace

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Meyerjack made a motion for the slate of officers to remain the same for the year 2019. The officers are: Chairman, William Bonaminio, Vice-chairperson Patricia Archibald and Secretary Jane Presnick-Lyon. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fischer. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Colacrai. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Sitko said that letters have been sent to last year's four participants of the Adopt-a-Spot program asking them if they are planning to continue this year. Two have responded positively.

BUSINESS

Cheshire Chamber of Commerce Home, Health and Garden Show – March 23

Mr. Bonaminio referred to a notice from the chamber about this year's program. The show will take place on March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cheshire High School. After some discussion, the committee decided that they would participate and a sign-up sheet was passed around. The TBC would also have a prominent area to display a variety of pictures and information. Mr. Bonaminio said he would have a planting station and seedlings available. Mr. Sitko, Ms. Archibald and Ms. Dillman will also get together to see what props were still available for use from previous shows.

Meeting with Public Works Re: Town Hall Grounds.

Mr. Sitko said that currently the department has been very busy with snow removal and work on the budget for the next fiscal year. Mr. Noewatne will be available to walk the grounds with TBC members at a future date.

Projects for FY 19

The committee decided that additional tree planting would not be done until the town decides what it will do with the Bartlem Park area. Mr. Sitko said that three proposals from consultants that were interviewed for the Chapman property were very close. Now it's just a matter of deciding who will be selected. The council may discuss again next week.

Mr. Sitko said that the Economic Development Commission is planning to do another Business Appreciation Day at Elim Park, budget permitting. The possible guest speaker will be Jim Smith, former CEO of Webster Bank.

Mr. Bonaminio also noted that as he rode on Route 10 he noticed that several areas looked "open" and needed street trees. The committee also said that trees could not be planted on private property. Mr. Sitko reminded them that town hall property was the immediate project and street trees might be later.

It was also mentioned the Planning & Zoning hasn't approved the plan for Royal Vision. More information is needed about the building design. He also said that TBC suggestions were mentioned at the public hearing.

Ms. Dillman questioned the absence of Mike O'Donnell. Mr. Sitko said that he would contact Mike and ask him for a formal resignation which would open up a spot for another member.

Ms. Archibald then asked Mr. Sitko if he thought Abilities Without Boundaries would continue watering the planters this summer. Mr. Sitko felt confident that they would.

Liaison Reports

No Report

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:37.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee