

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 3, 2019  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

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

**ABSENT:** Dillman and Cacace

**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 March 6, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fischer. All were in favor.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

A note was received from Yetta Augur, president of the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce, thanking the committee for its return to the Home, Health and Garden Show.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Signage – 1008 South Main Street – Multi Tenant Sign**

Mr. Robert Kuszpa of Sign Pro represented Ricci Construction. Mr. Kuszpa told the committee that his company made the first sign for Mr. Ricci and would be building the proposed sign. The new sign is similar in design to the first. It will be black and white and constructed of aluminum and acrylic faces. It will also be internally illuminated. The overall height is to be 8 feet with the sign itself being 4.33 ft. by 5 ft. and will be placed where the old one currently stands. Mr. Sitko added that the zoning enforcement officer has checked and the sign meets the requirements for the zone.

Mr. Meyerjack made a motion to accept the sign as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

### **Signage – St. Bridget of Sweden Parish – 175 Main Street**

The proposal this morning is for two freestanding signs, one for St. Bridget of Sweden Church, 175 Main Street and the other for St. Bridget of Sweden Church (St. Thomas Becket) 435 No. Brooksvale Rd. Mr. Karl Krieg represented the church. He told the committee that both signs will have black posts. The signs themselves will be burgundy with gold leaf lettering and will be constructed of wood. They will also be illuminated from the ground up. The sign at St. Thomas will be slightly smaller and constructed closer to the church. The sign at 175 Main Street will be 47.5 "by 60" and the sign at 435 No. Brooksvale Rd. will be 44" by 60". Mr. Kreig also noted that upon completion, landscaping will be done around the signs.

Mr. Meyerjack made a motion to accept the signs as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

**Signage – First Congregational Church – 111 Church Drive**

Mr. Stephen Mulholland was present to represent the church. Mr. Sitko began by telling the committee that the application is currently before the Historic District Commission. Mr. Mulholland then explained to the committee that the new sign will replace the current one on the green in front of the church. He said it will be a free standing sign with stone mounts and an aluminum cabinet and will be illuminated internally. The dimensions of the new sign will be 48”by 72” and will be black, white and burgundy. The panel on the front will be removable to be able to change the times of the services. Another sign, which is smaller, will be moved to the rear entrance of the church.

Mr. Meyerjack then made a motion to accept the sign as presented and the motion was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. The motion was then rescinded when Mr. Mulholland told the committee that the wording at the bottom of the sign would be changed from the address to the web site.

Mr. Meyerjack then made another motion that the sign be accepted with the change from address to web site. The motion was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

**Cheshire Chamber of Commerce Home, Health and Garden Show – Wrap Up**

Mr. Sitko thanked everyone for their participation at the Expo. Ms. Archibald added that she felt that our financial part was perfect for what we did. Members thought that the committee would participate again next year.

**Meeting with Public Works Re: Town Hall Grounds**

Mr. Sitko said he was waiting to hear about a time from public works and when he does, he will notify the committee.

**Adopt-a-Spot Update**

Mr. Sitko said he has heard from all the participants and all are on board. The letters will go out later this month.

**Arbor Day Activities**

Members were asked to keep looking for various trees to be recognized. Ms. Archibald noted that the trees must be visible. Mr. Bonaminio and Ms. Cacace will look for new “trees to be appreciated” later this month.

**Discussion**

Mr. Sitko noted that on June 19<sup>th</sup>, a Business Appreciation Day breakfast will be held at Elim Park. Joseph and Maureen Jakubisyn, former owners of the Cheshire Herald will be recognized.

Mr. Sitko also made mention that the Town of Cheshire is 325 years old (settled in 1694). He said banners will be displayed at various locations this year.

Goodwill Industries will be taking over the space currently occupied by Pier One.

Butterfly Garden – Mr. Sitko said he spoke with Mr. Bonaminio, and the TBC will provide the mulch for the garden near the trail. The cost is expected to be modest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Colacrai and seconded by Ms. Archibald. All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:52 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee