

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MAY 1, 2019
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

ABSENT: Fischer

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 8:02a.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 April 3, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

Signage – Hartford HealthCare – 266-292 South Main Street

Mr. Robert Kuszpka was present to represent National Sign Corp. He told the committee of plans to erect signs at the new Hartford HealthCare Building. He began by explaining to the committee that the application is split into three parts: one on the wall of the building, one above the door to the entrance and the third, a freestanding directory sign at Route 10. All the signs meet the requirements of the sign regulations. The sign on the wall of the building will be constructed of aluminum and acrylic and will be internally illuminated. The sign on the door to the entrance will be constructed of vinyl decal and will not be illuminated. The directory sign at Route 10 will be freestanding and made of aluminum and acrylic. It will be internally illuminated with a white background and black lettering. It will also have cut thru letters so that during the day it will be seen with black lettering which will appear white at night. The sign will be located 10' behind the property line.

Mr. Sitko said that the building is on track to be open in July.

A motion was made by Ms. Dillman to accept the sign application as presented and seconded by Ms. Cacace. All were in favor.

Town Hall Grounds

Ms. Archibald said she, Ms. Colacrai, Mr. Bonaminio and Mr. Sitko met with Mark Cunningham and Richard Pruitt of the Public Works Department and toured the grounds around town hall to discuss what improvements could be made. One question concerned a tree stump and Ms. Archibald was told that nothing could be planted because snow was dumped there. It was decided that in place of another tree, the stump would be ground down.

Ms. Archibald then discussed the little garden near the front door of town hall. She and Mr. Bonaminio decided they would let him handle the shrubs there because they needed pruning and cutting. They felt that this area could be rejuvenated. They also thought a good idea

would be to power wash the front steps and freshen up the railings with paint and sealer. They also discussed putting in a small shrub and edging the beds along Wallingford Road. The committee also discussed various ways to cut back, trim and basically improve the area to the right of the steps. They will consider buying new plants if necessary. Ms. Archibald suggested planting large grasses.

Adopt-a-Spot Update

Applicants for the program have received their instructions and some have already planted their areas. The areas must be completed by May 25th. The height should be in scale with the sign, watering should be done frequently and the spot mulched. Everything should be removed at the end of the season.

Trees to be Appreciated

The tree subcommittee has identified various trees throughout town as trees to be appreciated. In celebration of Arbor Day, these trees were identified with a green ribbon. The location of these trees is: 5 Bearpath Court, 201 Deepwood Drive, 70 Frances Court, 3 Main Street, 104 Main Street, 279 Mountain Road, 215 Timber Lane and 20 Willowbrook Drive.

Butterfly Garden

The Butterfly Garden is located off the linear trail near West Main Street. Gary Richards recently met with Mr. Bonaminio and Mr. Sitko. Mr. Bonaminio and Mr. Sitko said they had no objection to the TBC purchasing mulch for the garden. Members agreed.

Cheshire's 325th Anniversary

In honor of Cheshire's 325th anniversary, banners will be placed on the poles on West Main Street, the center parklet, the entrances to the trail and at Bartlem Park. Various organizations will also be doing activities to commemorate the 325th.

Discussion

Ms. Archibald inquired about the watering for the summer and was told that everything is in order. She also said that she has ordered the Begonias for the summer planters.

Ms. Archibald and Ms. Dillman also made note of the beautiful tulips and daffodils at Maplecroft Plaza. Ms. Archibald suggested that the TBC send a letter to Maplecroft.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:50 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee