

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 5, 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 of the Town Beautification Committee to order at 8:03 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 Ms. Cacace to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyerjack. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter to Robert Kliman, Key Management Association, complimenting him on the colorful grounds and parking area at Maplecroft Plaza this spring, was available for the committee.

BUSINESS

1) Town Hall Grounds

A proposal from Brookside Landscaping LLC was presented to the committee for approval. Upon checking the proposal, the committee felt that the tree that was suggested could not be planted because the roots would be a danger to the building and then there was the maintenance of cleaning up the leaves in the fall. Also, the removal of a shrub to make room for the tree was not necessary because the tree would not be planted. This brought the total price down. Members also felt that another proposal should be requested. A decision will be made at a later date. Mr. Sitko added that Brookside Landscaping was reliable and takes care of the plantings it puts in.

2) Adopt-a-Spot

The Adopt-a-Spot program is well under way and the “spots” look lovely. Members, however, noted that the area around the “spot” on I-691 was not properly mowed by DOT. Otherwise, it looks great.

3) Butterfly Garden

Members noted that the butterfly garden looks good. The area has been planted and mulched.

Cheshire’s 325th

Mr. Sitko told the committee that a meeting will be held later this month to discuss activities to commemorate the anniversary of Cheshire.

4) Business Appreciation Day

Mr. Sitko reminded the members that if they decided to attend they should let Catherine Donegan know. He also said that the keynote speaker is Jim Smith from Webster Bank.

5) **“New” Recreation Director**

The new Recreation Director at Parks & Recreation is John Gawlak and comes with 31 years of experience. He is a resident of Wallingford and will be replacing Josh Medeiros who left the position earlier this year.

Discussion

Members noted that Cheshire Academy grounds look beautiful. A complimentary letter from the TBC will be sent.

It was also noted that the Bartlem Park area looks good and members felt that public works did a good job.

Mr. Bonaminio made mention of some of the older Sycamore trees that are dying due to a disease but also noted that the newer ones are disease resistant.

Ms. Colacrai asked if there was some way to eliminate the candy that is being thrown during the Memorial Day parade. She and others felt that it detracted from the solemnity of the parade. She was asked to direct her comments to John White.

Ms. Dillman noted that the parklet in the south end of town looks great while the gateway parklet on Maple Avenue needs lots of attention. She also made mention of an area of Cheshire Park near Route 10 and felt that it could also use some work.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:45 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee