

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

**PRESENT:** Bonaminio, Cacace, Truluck, Presnick-Lyon, Linder, O'Donnell  
and Archibald

**ABSENT:** Voelker, Dawson, Pelletier, Meyerjack and Ecke

**STAFF:** Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7: 32 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present.

Mr. Frank Papandrea, former member of TBC was a guest this morning.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon and seconded by Mr. Linder to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting with one correction and to accept the meeting notes of the June 1, 2011 meeting and the meeting notes of the July 6, 2011 meeting. The correction was that on the May 4 minutes, on page 5, under letter G, the name "Mr. Lyons" should be changed to "Mr. Linder". All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**BUSINESS**

**Plan Reviews**

Dunkin' Donuts – 310 South Main Street  
Landscaping plan for outdoor patio

Mr. James Sakonchick, engineer for Kratzert and Jones, presented the plan for Dunkin' Donuts this morning to the committee. Mr. Sakonchick began by explaining to the committee that Dunkin' Donuts is looking to build an outdoor seating area in front of the existing building. Upon presenting the plan to Planning & Zoning, it was determined that Mr. Sakonchick should develop a landscaping plan and present it to the Town Beautification Committee for reviewed. Mr. Sakonchick is here with that plan. Mr. Sakonchick began by explaining to the committee that the proposed seating area will be in a grassy area that is currently not being used and would be well within the limits of the 40' front setback that is required. Taking advantage of the sidewalk, there would also be handicapped accessibility. The flag poles would remain intact. The dimensions of the patio will be 24' x 12'. A stone wall surrounding it will also be added. It will be about 2' high and could be used for overflow seating. Stamped concrete will be the actual surface for the patio surrounded by a stone layer. There will be a 4' x 6' bed for plants around the wall. Three types of low plantings will be added. About a dozen Golden Arborvitae, Boxwood and Dwarf Holly will be used. Ms. Cacace asked if tables with canopies will be used and Mr. Sakonchick said that it could be a possibility. There would be no extra lighting. Another suggestion by the committee was to add shrubs, possibly some Boxwood or Holly, on the north side. Mr. Sakonchick said that it would be done. The committee found the plan quite acceptable. All were in favor.

### **Sign Reviews**

There were no sign reviews.

### **Expo**

There is no report

### **Adopt-a-Spot**

Members felt that all "spots" were looking great. They felt that the weather this summer was favorable for the plantings. The committee also voted on the "spot" that is the winner for this year and it was the South End Firehouse. Mr. Sitko said that he will contact the Cheshire Herald for a photo and article.

### **Barrels**

Members felt that the barrels are looking very nice and colorful. Members discussed leaving the current flowers until a heavy frost, but decided to change to chrysanthemums in the fall before going to greens for the holidays. A suggestion was also made to contact Kurt Weiss Greenhouses for a possible donation.

### **West Main Street Commercial Area**

Mr. Sitko told the committee that the culvert is currently being done. The detour is being planned for the weekend of October 7. Mr. Sitko also noted that the contractor still needs to finish and hopes to be finished by the end of October.

**TBC Awards**

Ms. Cacace suggested Ye Olde Body Shop on Route 70, the former Westbrook Nursery. Members were also asked to continue looking.

**Town Hall Decorative Wall**

Mr. Bonaminio said that the plantings looked good, but one corner still has to be repaired. It will be done soon.

**Street Trees**

Street trees are still being worked on.

**Library**

Members felt that the library is looking very nice. The Town Beautification Committee planted the back and front left side of the building and moved plantings along two walls.

**South End Firehouse**

Mr. Linder reported to the committee that the old trees were removed and we are awaiting the arrival of the new trees from Brookside Nursery. The trees to be planted are Kwansan Cherry and Red Maple. Ms. Cacace asked about the status of the flagpole and she was told that it would remain where it is with some plantings around it. More plantings would be added in the fall.

**Committee Reports**

**Parks & Recreation**

Mr. O'Donnell reported that he had been on vacation therefore there was no report.

**Economic Development**

There was no report.

**Town Council**

The council has finished with the capital budget. The biggest item on the agenda was \$30+ million for improvement to the sewage treatment plant upgrade. It will come to referendum in November.

**Planning & Zoning**

Mr. Sitko said that the application of Paul Bowman for the restoration and reconstruction of the buildings on South Main Street came before the committee and he felt that a decision would be made by next week.

**Discussion**

Mr. Papandrea asked if the town could do anything about fixing up the area at the Route 10 and Country Club Road area. He was told that at this time it was not possible due to shortage of parks employees and funds.

Ms. Archibald asked if there was a way to either entice members into attending more meetings or changing rules to have fewer members constitute a quorum. Mr. Sitko said that with respect to members, it is asking a lot to have them attend more than one committee meeting. A suggestion was also made to possibly change the ordinance changing the membership from 12 to perhaps 9.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Archibald and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:40 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee