

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

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

ABSENT: Colacrai

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. Presnick-Lyon to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) The resignation of Pauline Cacace from the Town Beautification Committee was accepted with regret. Ms. Cacace had been an active member of the TBC but sold her house and moved to Florida. Her resignation was effective September 5, 2019.
- 2) The revised roster of the Town Beautification Committee eliminated Pauline Cacace and Michael O'Donnell, who was liaison from Parks and Recreation.

The committee also discussed the appointment of a new member. They were reminded that it is up to the town council to make the appointment. The current quorum is 4.

BUSINESS

Recreation Center Grounds

Members felt that the grounds at the Recreation Center looked much better with the new plantings. The planting plan was developed with input from the TBC. There was also some discussion about the purchase of trees. Mr. Sitko said that Mr. Gawlak requested 3 quotes. Two responded. Ms. Dillman had asked that several proposals be obtained. The amount for the work was \$1925 which included labor and materials and was charged to the TBC's budget. Mr. Sitko said that the TBC did not meet last month, so the work was authorized without a vote from the committee. To wait until November might mean that the landscaping would not be completed.

Planters

Ms. Archibald said that the planters are empty. She then asked Mr. Bonaminio the status on the greens for the holidays and was told they are ready. She also asked him if bows were available and said she needed smaller bows than in the past. Mr. Bonaminio said he could accommodate her request.

The beautification committee will also be decorating the town hall and library. The date decided upon is November 25, the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Awards

The committee thanked Ms. Dillman for the beautiful pictures she took for the awards program. She also said that if more were added, there would be no pictures. The committee decided that if additional areas were chosen the awards would have to wait until next year. There was quite a bit of discussion about what type of award to give to the Adopt-A-Spot participants and award recipients. Members noted that plaques were used in the past but they couldn't come up with anything different at the moment. Since there was still time, Ms. Dillman and Ms. Archibald decided to go to Barker Specialty. They also felt that a full page ad in the Cheshire Herald would be appropriate. The ad would give everyone that participated in the Adopt-a-Spot program and those being honored with awards community wide recognition.

Ms. Archibald then made a motion that the 8 awards recipients are the final recipients for the year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

Appointments to Tree and Adopt-a-Spot Committees

Because of the vacancy of Ms. Cacace, new appointments were needed for the Tree Subcommittee and the Adopt-a-Spot program. Currently, the only members of both committees are Mr. Bonaminio and Ms. Archibald. The Adopt-A-Spot Committee was later deleted by the TBC. Ms. Archibald said she felt that because a lot of time is not required, committee members should be on a subcommittee. Current members of the sign subcommittee are Ms. Presnick-Lyon and Mr. Bonaminio. Ms. Dillman asked if "planters" should be a subcommittee too. Ms. Archibald responded that when she is ready to do planters she would send out an e-mail to see who would respond to her call for assistance.

Ms. Fischer suggested that we take advantage of the tree money that is available at Arts Place. She recalled that money was available for purchasing a tree but none has been purchased therefore it would be good for the TBC to plant a tree at Arts Place with the money.

Ms. Fischer also inquired if the Town of Cheshire had a tree warden. She was told that the tree warden was also the Director of Public Works or his/her designee. Ms. Archibald suggested that he be put on the agenda for a future meeting to be able to answer questions from the committee on diseased trees.

Discussion

Mr. Sitko informed the committee that plans for a large 75,000 sq. ft. medical building off Johnson Avenue will be on next month's agenda. It will be built in Cheshire Industrial Park.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon 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