

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 4, 2019  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

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

**ABSENT:** Fischer and Dillman

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting of the Town Beautification Committee to order at 8:08a.m.

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was determined.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting with one correction. The correction is under Planters. The second sentence asking about the status of the greens should be omitted. The corrected motion was seconded by Ms. Colacrai. All were in favor.

**Approval of Sign Subcommittee minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Archibald to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 Sign Subcommittee meeting with one correction. Under Business, the street should be West Johnson Avenue not West Main Street. The corrected motion was seconded by Ms. Colacrai. All were in favor.

**Approval of 2020 Meeting Dates**

The committee approved the TBC and Sign Subcommittee meeting dates for 2020.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Sitko noted that there is to be a holiday reception on December 19, 2019 at the town hall for volunteer officials and asked members if they would be attending.

**BUSINESS**

**Site Plan – FIP Realty, West Johnson Avenue – Medical Office**

Tom Linden and Alan Bongiovani appeared before the committee to review the landscaping plan for a proposed 75,000 sq. ft. medical building that is to be built near West Johnson Ave. FIP Realty is the developer and Constitution Surgery Alliance will be an owner of the building. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 2020. Mr. Linden explained to the committee that there are considerable wetlands along both sides and the rear of the property. The proposed building will be as far away from wetlands as possible. The plan meets planning & zoning requirements. They presented pictures and a list of possible plantings that will surround the building. The list included shade trees on the islands that will consist of Red Maple, Honey Locust and Aristocrat Flowering Pear, a hardier type of tree. There will also be Flowering Dogwood and River Birch at the entrances with Azalea and Holly filling in the spaces. Ornamental grasses will be included on the islands. Committee members were pleased with the design. A motion was made by Ms. Archibald to accept the landscaping plan as presented and seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

**Planters**

Ms. Archibald announced that the greens are in the planters and the bows will be added when they are received. The town hall and the library have also been done.

**Adopt-a-Spot**

The “spots” have been cleaned up for the winter.

**Awards**

There was some discussion concerning the prices of taking an ad in the Citizen or the Cheshire Herald or both to recognize the award winners and Adopt-A-Spot participants. Mr. Sitko said the price of a full page ad is \$1008 for the Herald and \$1395 for both. He also said that a half page ad was \$520 for the Herald and \$720 for both.

**Discussion**

Members discussed the possibility of replacing the Bradford Pear trees along Route 10 that were lost.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 8:50 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee