

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 5, 2020  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

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

**ABSENT:** Jinks (Council Liaison)

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting of the Town Beautification Committee to order at 8:02 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 Mr. Meyerjack to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting as corrected. The correction being on page 2 under Planters. The word employment is misspelled. The motion was seconded by Ms. Archibald. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Archibald to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 sign subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyerjack. All were in favor.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Signage for Blender Bar – 189 Highland Ave.**

Ms. Lindsey Ryan spoke to the committee this morning to explain the new business. She said that it will be located at Maplecroft Plaza near the Subway store. It will be a health food café that sells protein shakes, juices, various salads and more. They will also offer “build your own” salads. It will also have limited seating.

Mr. Sitko stated that the sign meets the requirements and has been reviewed by the zoning officer. The sign will be 22.5 sq. ft. and be made of aluminum and Plexiglas and have green, magenta, orange and black as the colors.

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

### **Planters**

Ms. Archibald felt that the planters are currently in good shape and thought she would leave the greens in for a while longer. Possibly at the beginning of April a change will be made and Pansies will be planted in place of the greenery.

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

Mr. Sitko said that letters will be sent out this week to previous participants to see if they are interested in maintaining a “spot” next year.

Ms. Dillman suggested enlarging the sign at I-691 so it would be more visible to those exiting the highway at that point. She felt that since the garden itself is rather large, a bigger sign would be appropriate.

### **Distribution of Awards**

The awards have arrived together with the flowers and were divided among the members to be delivered to various recipients. Mr. Sitko showed the mugs and plaques to the committee. They were well done.

### **Work Plan for 2020**

The committee discussed replacing damaged or downed Bradford Pear trees with types of trees that are hardier. They also thought that perhaps planting shrubs in between the existing Bradford Pears would make a nicer statement. A suggested shrub is Viburnum.

Members also felt that they would like to implement a landscaping plan for Cheshire Park along Route 10.

A motion was made by Ms. Dillman to replace damaged or downed Pear Trees with various other trees and to change Bartlem Park to Cheshire Park. The motion was seconded by Ms. Archibald. All were in favor.

Ms. Dillman suggested that since the bushes were removed, it would be a good place for the committee to plant trees and shrubs and make it a good place for birds and wildlife.

Regarding the Arbor Day Notable Trees Program, Ms. Dillman asked the committee to take note of a Beech Tree on Country Club Road near the intersection of Wolf Hill Rd.

The committee will also continue the Adopt-a-Spot program and participate in the Cheshire chamber's spring program. They will also ask the town to look into the possibility of hiring a horticulture student for the summer.

### **Chamber of Commerce Home, Health & Garden Show – March 28**

Mr. Sitko asked members if they were willing to participate in the garden show and passed around a sign-up sheet. Mr. Bonaminio also suggested Pansies to be given out to the children to plant. He felt this idea was a tremendous success last year.

### **Liaison Reports**

None.

### **Discussion**

Mr. Sitko asked the committee to consider changing the date for the next sign subcommittee meeting. He asked it to be moved up one week. Ms. Presnick-Lyon made a motion to change the sign subcommittee meeting from March 19, 2020 to March 12, 2020. Ms. Dillman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At that time Ms. Archibald also asked if there were any suggestions for anyone to be on the Town Beautification Committee since we are short of members. Again, Mr. Sitko said that it would be up to the committees and council to appoint someone but we could ask people who might be interested in serving.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 8:59.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee