

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JULY 1, 2020
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Bonaminio, Archibald, Presnick-Lyon, Meyerjack, Fischer, Colacrai, Dillman and Jinks (Council Liaison)

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 8:08 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 approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Archibald. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2020 sign subcommittee meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

Planters

There was discussion about weeding the planters. Weeding will take place on Monday of next week at 8:30 a.m. with several TBC members participating. Members also felt that Abilities without Boundaries will continue to water but is not needed now, but maybe in the fall. Ms. Archibald talked about replacing the current plantings with Chrysanthemums and maybe some Sedum soon and thought they would be purchased from Tower Farms. Mr. Sitko felt that would be a good idea. Mr. Sitko went on to explain to Mr. Jinks that members of the beautification committee did the plantings but Abilities without Boundaries was responsible for watering. Mr. Jinks asked about involving the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts but was told that it had been done in the past with mixed results. Ms. Fischer thought that if mums were planted too early they would die off and have to be replaced. Ms. Dillman suggested that the mums still be planted early and replaced if necessary.

Adopt-a-Spot

Ms. Dillman told the committee that she had seen the “spot” at the Exit 3 ramp and felt it was done extremely well. Ms. Archibald then asked if the “Adopt-a-Spot” sign had been replaced yet but Mr. Sitko said it hadn’t because of the COVID-19.

Work Plan for 2020

Mr. Sitko said that some changes had to be made to the work plan because of the virus therefore some things would have to wait until 2021. Mr. Sitko also noted that \$1500 that had been encumbered a year ago for clean-up of town hall was still available and perhaps the committee would like to use it for plantings at Cheshire Town Park. He asked members to come up with a plan. The members that will meet at West Main Street to weed the planters will then head to Cheshire Park at 9:15 a.m.

Parks and Recreation Department Grounds

Mr. Sitko said he asked Mr. Bonaminio to obtain a price on the trees. Mr. Bonaminio said he had called various nurseries for prices and ended up buying from Site One in East Haven. He said the trees are in and they look good. The type of tree that was purchased is Armstrong Red Maple, a nice looking tree. Mr. Sitko said he had contacted a few landscapers and one couldn’t

do the work for several months. He also reached out to public works and a landscaping company new to Cheshire.

Staff Report

Mr. Sitko reported that on the following:

1. Richard Chevrolet – a proposed 25,000 sq. ft. body shop north of Realty Drive.
2. Dragon Buffet building – demolition
3. Counter Weight – still coming to Cheshire
4. Cheshire Craft Brewing – 125 Commerce Court, Unit 7

Discussion

Ms. Archibald asked about new members. She noted that we are still down two members. She suggested placing an ad in the Cheshire Herald. Mr. Jinks said he has mentioned it to town council but will mention it again when they meet on July 13th. Ms. Dillman suggested a letter to the editor.

Ms. Dillman said she felt that the parklet at the intersection of Route 10 and Maple Avenue and the parklet at Ives Corner needed weeding. Mr. Sitko said he would mention it to public works.

Mr. Bonaminio added that Arts Place was getting overgrown and needed help too.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:53 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee