

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 6, 2021
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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 4:31 p.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. Archibald to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fischer. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

1.Special Permit Review

Nosal Properties of South Main Street, LLC

944 South Main Street

Coffee Shop with drive thru

Mr. David Dickson of Milone & MacBroom was available to explain to the committee the landscaping plan that is proposed. The property that will be developed was previously the Dragon Buffet and is on approximately a half acre of land. The building will be 2042 sq. ft. and will have 25 parking spaces. Access will be obtained by turning right from Rt. 10 south. Mr. Dickson said they are looking for low maintenance shrubbery with lots of color. The suggested plantings are Northern Pale Arborvitae, Barberry that will not reseed and using existing evergreen shrubs for screening. Five types of ornamental grasses will also be used as well as Fountain Grass. No trees are proposed. They are also planning to use Good Vibrations Juniper because it is also low growing. Also included in the plan is a bike rack and outdoor seating. In the area of the drive-in pick up Double Knockout Roses and Citrus Barberry will be planted to add more color to the area

Ms. Archibald asked where snow would be put when there is a storm. She was told that it would be plowed toward the rear toward Rite Aid.

Ms. Colacrai asked if that was the entire property and was told that it was.

Mr. Bonaminio asked what type of shrubs were on the east side of the property and was told that they would be Winterberry. Mr. Dickson was asked about shrubs for wildlife and he said he thought the birds would eat the berries from the Winterberry.

Ms. Fischer asked if there would be an irrigation system. Mr. Dickson said not that he was aware of. Perhaps Starbucks might irrigate.

Ms. Presnick-Lyon noticed that there was no crosswalk shown on the drawing. Mr. Dickson agreed and said that if it wasn't in the plan it would be added.

Mr. Bonaminio said it was a very busy area but he liked the plan. Mr. Sitko added that the drawing had a nice clean look. Ms. Archibald said it had a nice crisp look with a variety of colors and she liked it.

Ms. Archibald made a motion to approve the landscaping plan with the addition that we put some variety of native plants where the Winterberry are scheduled to go in. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

Holiday Decorations

Mr. Sitko said the holiday greens looked good and the town manager was very pleased with how they looked.

Staff Report

Mr. Sitko said that the town may receive an application for a large project in the Interchange Zone...

He also said he has contacted Dollar Tree about obtaining larger dumpsters and screening them..

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 4:53 p.m.

Attest:



Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee