

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 7, 2011  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

**PRESENT:** Bonaminio, Voelker, Presnick-Lyon, Linder, O'Donnell,  
Meyerjack and Archibald

**ABSENT:** Cacace, Dawson, Pelletier, Truluck and Ecke

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7: 31 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Linder and seconded by Ms. Archibald to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting. A motion was also made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon and seconded by Mr. Linder to accept the minutes of the Sign Subcommittee meeting of October 19, 2011. All were in favor of both motions.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES – 2012**

The meeting dates for 2012 for both the TBC and the Sign Subcommittee were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Presnick-Lyon and second by Ms. Archibald. All were in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was discussion concerning the 2012-2013 annual budget for the Town Beautification Committee. The committee noted that much of the budget money goes back into the town mostly by planting various trees throughout town. This past year, a large amount of the budget went into the work around the South End Firehouse.

### **Barrels**

Mr. Bonaminio began by telling the committee that the barrels have been decorated with greens and red bows for the holiday season. He said the bows were bigger this year, but next year he will try to keep the price of the ribbon down by having smaller bows made. The committee also made note of the garland and wreaths decorating Town Hall and felt that it looked good.

### **West Main Street Commercial Streetscape Project**

Mr. Sitko said that the culvert is still being worked on and felt that the entire culvert project should be completed by May. The streetscape should be finished by June or July.

### **Parklet**

Members commented on the parklet and the new pavers saying that they were pleased with the outcome. Mr. Sitko said that the work is mostly finished and that the plantings would be done in the spring. He also added that Yankee Gas has given the town an additional \$9,225 for the brick work.

### **TBC Awards**

Mr. Bonaminio asked that members be aware of new places to recommend for awards. Ms. Archibald suggested Cheshire Nursery because she felt that the entire property is well taken care of and looked good. Mr. Bonaminio said he felt that it was a good suggestion. Ms. Archibald then suggested Drazen Orchards. Mr. Bonaminio asked if the committee thought that Alderson Funeral Home would be a good choice for TBC plantings in the spring. The committee agreed and felt that some trees in front would be a good choice.

### **Street Trees**

Mr. Bonaminio had a price list for future tree plantings by the TBC. He said the list included caliper size and prices. He felt it was something the committee could use in the spring. Mr.

Bonaminio then read a list of possible areas for tree plantings scheduled for the spring. The suggested trees were Kousa Dogwood and Sugar Maple.

### **Ordinance**

There was a discussion concerning the TBC membership. The discussion occurred because many times there is a lack of quorum and business is delayed. Suggestions were made to drop some of the members because many people have other activities. By doing so, it would be easier to maintain a quorum at most meetings. A suggestion was also made to keep the “public” members as voting members and the representatives from various commissions as liaisons. Mr. Meyerjack felt that the problem could still be the same because people tend to forget about the meetings. He said that people are not as willing to volunteer in this day and age.

Mr. Bonaminio made a motion to drop the voting membership from 12 to 9. The membership will consist of 8 public members and 1 from Parks and Recreation. The motion was seconded by Mr. O’Donnell. All were in favor.

### **Discussion**

Mr. Sitko asked the committee to start thinking about new projects for the year 2012. One suggestion was perhaps an additional new “Welcome to Cheshire” sign. Ms. Archibald thought perhaps a civic organization or two might help with the cost.

Mr. Sitko then thanked the committee for their participation this past year and wished them a happy holiday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon and seconded by Ms. Archibald to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:19 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk

Town Beautification Committee