

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
JUNE 6, 2012  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

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

**ABSENT:** Truluck and Linder

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7: 32 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting were accepted as presented. A motion was made to accept by Mr. Meyerjack and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. All were in favor.

The minutes of the May 16, 2012 sign subcommittee meeting were accepted as presented. A motion was made to accept by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Barrels**

Ms. Archibald reported that she spoke with Bob Thatcher on Monday and he was meeting with Jon Manke of Tower Farms on that day to see when the flowers for the barrels would be ready for planting.

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

Mr. Sitko reported that the project is just about complete. The town still has some work to do in the culvert area. Members commented on the size of the island of refuge, but mentioned that it does look very attractive. In the future there would be safety features built around the island as part of the extension of the Linear Park.

### **TBC Awards**

Mr. Sitko said to keep looking for notable places and thought he would like an awards ceremony early next year. Mr. Meyerjack commented about the former Westbrook Nursery property on Waterbury Road and said that the owner has been keeping the property up with attractive plantings.

### **Street Trees**

The committee said that any plantings would be done in the fall.

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

Members felt that all “spots” were looking good. They thought Highland Health Care was rather sparse so Mr. Sitko will contact Highland to see what could be done to enhance it.

### **Welcome to Cheshire signs**

The “Welcome to Cheshire” signs needed paint and visual cleaning around them. This has been taken care of. The poles have been painted and trees cut.

### **Liaison Reports**

Mr. O’Donnell, representative from Parks & Recreation, reported that at the last meeting “legacy” trees were discussed. He also said that there already was a tree program in place. To build on this program, Mr. O’Donnell suggested that he would like to see significant trees in various areas around town buildings. He felt that substantial trees would be a better idea because they would last longer. In the future, a form would be available for those wishing to donate. This form would contain the type of tree available and the cost. The forms could be obtained through the town, on the internet or possibly through a funeral home. Ms. Archibald said she would like to see the program in place by spring.

Mr. Bonaminio added that he has spoken to the landscaper from the town concerning plantings around the vaults at the parklet by St. Peter’s Church. The plantings suggested were: Dwarf Holly and Knock out Roses because they are low growing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Sign Reviews**

**120 Main Street – Christ Community Church**

Rev. Reuben Parlier, Pastor of Christ Community Church, came before the committee to speak about the proposed signs for his church. The church is located on Main Street between the library and Vespucci's restaurant. He began by telling the committee that the church shares the parking lot with the library and many times patrons from Vespucci's Restaurant use it as overflow parking. Therefore, many times this makes for a difficult situation because if there is a program going on at the church, the patrons from Vespucci's don't realize this and there is not enough parking for the churchgoers. To make the situation better, the church has opted to erect a freestanding sign on church property facing Vespucci's denoting that the parking lot is for the church. The sign will be an illuminated, double sided, 6 sq. ft. sign. It will have a matte white finish with green leaves and a gold cross on a two square 4" posts with round decorative finials. Mr. Sitko reminded Rev. Parlier that the illuminated time of the sign is limited because of it being in an R20A zone. Also for review this morning was the sign lettering for the church building. Rev. Parlier then thanked the committee for all the time and effort by the members of the TBC for beautifying the town. He felt they did an exemplary job. A motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack and seconded by Ms. Cacace to accept the freestanding sign and church lettering on the Route 70 side of the building as presented. All were in favor.

**Richard Chevrolet**

**1405 Highland Avenue – Sign**

Mr. John Roy, a representative of the sign company was available to brief the committee on the new sign for Richard Chevrolet that will be erected upon completion of their renovation project. The sign will be a free standing 75.5 sq. ft structure. It will be a combination of steel, aluminum and acrylic and will be internally illuminated. Mr. Sitko added that the current sign is non conforming. The proposed sign is smaller than the current size. A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to accept the sign as presented and seconded by Ms. Archibald. Ms. Presnick-Lyon recused herself due to an interest in the renovation. All others were in approval.

**Special Permit**

**Dalton Enterprises – 71 Willow Street – 47,250 sq. ft. Warehouse Facility**

Mr. Dave Carson of OCC Group came before the committee this morning and presented a rendering of the proposed warehouse facility for Dalton Enterprises. He began by telling the committee that the building will be approximately 48,000 sq. ft. and will be done in three phases. Currently there is a gravel area outside for storage under three hoop houses. The idea is to build the storage warehouse and be able to move the inventory inside. The warehouse will be surrounded by an 8' fence that, including the berm is about 16'. The Farmington Canal that runs alongside Dalton Enterprises will not be disturbed. He believes that the color of the proposed building will be tan and there will be no outdoor lighting. Loading docks will be located at the north end of the building and trucks will enter on Willow Street. There is no landscaping plan largely because there is a heavily wooded area blocking Dalton Enterprises from the neighbors on Willow Street. Mr. Carson reminded the committee that there is a public hearing at town hall next Monday for anyone that is interested. A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell to accept the plan as presented and seconded by Mr. Cacace. All were in favor.

**Discussion**

Mr. Sitko reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be held on July 11 because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Ms. Cacace.

The meeting ended at 8:39 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee