

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2012
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

ABSENT: Cacace

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

The minutes of the November 7, 2012 meeting were approved. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Meyerjack and seconded by Ms. Archibald.

The minutes of the November 21, 2012 sign subcommittee meeting were approved. It was noted that Ms Voelker called the meeting to order. The motion to approve, as amended, was made by Ms. Voelker and seconded by Ms. Presnick- Lyon.

APPROVAL OF 2013 MEETING DATES

Mr. O'Donnell suggested changing the Town Beautification Committee meeting date of July 3, 2013 to July 10, 2013. The motion to approve the revised meeting dates was made by Mr. Meyerjack and seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in agreement.

The meeting dates for the Sign Subcommittee for 2013 were accepted as presented. A motion was made to approve by Mr. Meyerjack and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. All were in agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

OLD BUSINESS

Barrels

The barrels have been planted for the holiday season and the members were happy with the outcome. The Boy Scouts that were involved did a good job and they look nice.

West Main Street Commercial Streetscape Project

Mr. Sitko began by telling everyone that there are currently five planters in various areas around the site, but there are not enough. He also said that after the final bill arrives from the contractor, if there is enough money left, five more will be ordered. Ms. Dillman said that they could be more visible, but Mr. Sitko reiterated that if there were too close to the road they could pose a problem. He went on to say that one of the new decorative lights has already been damaged because of an accident.

Another suggestion by the streetscape committee was to put two signs at the entrances to the area stating that it is a commercial district. A concept was received from Creative Dimensions and a photo showing the area was passed around to the committee for their opinion. Mr. Sitko also said that the color and design was subject to change.

Mr. Bonaminio said he had been looking at the design for the sidewalk area that is being proposed on the north side of West Main Street going east. He was amazed by the amount of wall area that would have to be done. Mention was made that the residents affected would also be responsible for snow removal if they have sidewalks. Mr. Sitko went on to say that the town would not hear anything about the grant money for the project until possibly the spring. It is not going to be an easy project.

Mr. Sitko interjected a thought concerning the wall opposite the 7/11 on South Main Street. He said there would be a meeting this week with the DOT. Apparently they have a concept in mind regarding the wall.

TBC Awards

Ms. Archibald said that the Platts Knoll area would not be recognized as previously thought. Instead there were four houses at the intersection of Country Club and Wiese Road that would be recognized. The specific addresses would be forthcoming at the next meeting. R.W. Hine should also be added to the list. There was also some discussion as to whether Mr. Bob Thatcher and the Boy Scouts of Troop #90 should be recognized this year or to wait until next year. It was decided that this year would be better because of the considerable amount of work that they have been doing. A motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack to change the "area" awards from Platts Knoll to Country Club Road and Wiese Roads and to recognize the boys of Troop #90 for their work of watering and upkeep of the barrels all year long and to approve the entire list as presented adding R.W. Hine. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. All were in favor.

Mr. Sitko said he also spoke with John Mazzella of Westbrook Commons concerning the signs in front of his building and he had no problem removing them immediately.

Street Trees

Mr. Sitko began by telling the committee that he has spoken to Mr. Dan Ford of Alderson Funeral Home and Mr. Ford said that he has no problem with the committee planting trees on his property. Mr. Sitko also received the same approval from Mr. Ceccolini from Parks and Recreation. Therefore, in the spring new trees will be planted. Mr. Bonaminio said that something has to be done because of the many trees that have been lost.

Adopt-a-Spot

Mr. Bonaminio asked if the same people would be used to maintain the “spots” as previously done. Mr. Sitko said that he would like to have a meeting of the committee sometime in January to decide what will be done. Many of the same adopters will be asked to return, but some changes will be made. Ms. Dillman and Ms. Archibald said they have approached Cheshire Nursery and were told that the nursery would be very interested in maintaining a “spot” next year.

Sign Reviews

There were no reviews.

Plan Reviews

There were no reviews.

Liaison Reports

There is no report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Voelker to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Linder. All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:08 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee