

**CHESHIRE TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013 AT 7:30 A.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ROOM 207 / 209**

Committee Members Present:

Chairman William Bonaminio, Pat Archibald, Susan Dillman, Jeremy Linder, William Meyerjack, Jane Presnick-Lyon and

Committee Members Absent:

Pauline Cacace, Lynn Voelker, and Mike O'Donnell - Park & Recreation Commission Representative

Staff Present:

Jerry Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

Others Present:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:43 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 6, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION by William Bonaminio that the Town Beautification Committee approves the minutes from the February 6, 2013 Regular Meeting as submitted. **SECONDED** by Jeremy Linder.

VOTE: In Favor – Archibald, Bonaminio, Dillman, Linder, Meyerjack, and Presnick-Lyon
Opposed – None

The motion passed 6 – 0.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter of February 14, 2013 from John Mazella

Chairman Bonaminio commented that Mr. Mazella had sent a nice letter to the Committee regarding last month's Town Beautification Committee awards.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Barrels

Members commented that some of the barrel planters in the center of Town are looking beat up. Ms. Archibald suggested moving the barrels back a little further from the roadway or perhaps come up with a new grouping of the barrels. Ms. Archibald will work with Bob, from the Boy Scouts, to coordinate the barrel plantings, probably for the first week of May.

2. West Main Street Commercial Streetscape Project

Mr. Sitko stated that an extension until August 2013 was given to complete the West Main Street Commercial Streetscape Project. The Committee will likely meet one more time. There is a little more funding left for the Committee to spend; Perhaps additional planters will be purchased, Mr. Sitko noted that there are currently 5 planters on West Main Street. Members talked about who would be filling the planters on West Main Street and suggested planting tall grasses and/or small trees in the planters.

3. TBC Awards

Chairman Bonaminio commented that the Committee's awards presentation went really well last month. Mr. Sitko noted that he received a phone call from A.J. Cortez from Dunkin Donuts thanking the Committee for the award. Members agreed that the plaques went over real well and it was noted that the picture of all the award recipients that were present at the ceremony should be printed in the Cheshire Herald soon.

a) Boy Scouts Troop 90

The Troop 90 Boy Scouts meet Wednesday nights at 7pm at Norton School. Committee members agreed they would like to make arrangements to go to the March 13th Troop meeting to present the certificates to the Troop.

4. Street Trees

Chairman Bonaminio suggested that Dogwoods and Sugar Maple trees be planted this Spring. Mr. Sitko stated that 3 trees would be planted on land near Marshall Fisco's property on Highland Avenue and near the funeral home on South Main Street. Chairman Bonaminio noted that he would like to see more trees planted in Cheshire.

5. Adopt – A - Spot

Mr. Sitko stated that the Town Beautification Committee started the Adopt – A – Spot program in 2007, with originally 20 local organizations / businesses expressing an interest in participating in the program. Highlands Health Care will not renew its location on Highland Avenue this year and Mr. Sitko asked members for new suggestions. It was agreed that one of the local nurseries should be invited to participate in the program, such as Preferred Properties or Hickory Ridge.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sign Review

There were no signs to review by the Town Beautification Committee at this meeting.

2. Plan Reviews

There were no plans to review by the Town Beautification Committee at this meeting.

3. Home, Garden & Business Expo – April 13, 2013

Mr. Sitko asked the Committee what will need to be ordered for the Home, Garden and Business Expo that is scheduled for next month? Chairman Bonaminio stated that they have a lot of material to hand out at the Expo. He has started the porch tomato plants, which were a big hit last year. Members talked about having a photo display of recent Town Beautification Committee events at the Expo, including the recent award ceremony. Chairman Bonaminio suggested raffling off a plant again this year, too, as well as changing up the booth a little this year from their past set up. Ms. Archibald suggested recognizing the Cheshire growers with photographs of each owner, possibly taken in their greenhouses.

Chairman Bonaminio stated that the next meeting for the Home & Business Expo will be held today at 4pm at the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce. A sign up sheet for the April 12th set up and April 13th Expo was passed around to members. Mr. Linder stated that he would be available again on Friday April 12th to help with the transport and set up of the trellis and benches, etc.

4. Liaison Reports

There were no Liaisons present at this meeting to report to the Town Beautification Committee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jeremy Linder to adjourned the March 6th meeting of the Town Beautification Committee at 8:16 a.m.; **SECONDED** by Jane Presnick-Lyon.

VOTE: In Favor – Archibald, Bonaminio, Dillman, Linder, Meyerjack, and Presnick-Lyon
Opposed – None

The motion passed 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Substitute Recording Secretary