

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 5, 2013
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

Ms. Cacace was present, but not as a member.

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7: 33 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 1, 2013 regular meeting were approved as corrected. The correction being that Ms. Dillman e-mailed the pictures to Mr. Sitko. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Meyerjack and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

The article and photo in the Cheshire Citizen regarding Trophy Trees was shown to the members. Members also discussed that the Cheshire Herald was lax at times with getting pictures and articles into their paper. They felt that articles and photos that are submitted should be published in a timelier manner.

OLD BUSINESS

Barrels

Members felt that the Pansies are still looking good. Tower Farms has told the committee that the summer annuals are ready for planting. Planting will most likely be done shortly.

Ms. Archibald said that she has spoken with Mr. Thatcher about planting. She would like the Pansies to be pulled out and Canna Lilies be put in their place. After some discussion with Mr. Thatcher, it was decided that the barrels on West Main Street be done now and the rest of the barrels at a later date.

Members felt some frustration about the plantings since the Boy Scouts are being paid a monthly to plant and water and the work should progress a bit faster.

TBC Awards

Mr. Bonaminio said there are still many places to be checked and asked members to be on the lookout for worthy properties.

Ms. Presnick-Lyon mentioned that she had been contacted by Inge Venus. Ms. Venus said that the committee should consider looking at the property at Dodd Middle School.

The members said they would check it out.

Street Trees

Members discussed the trees that are still to be planted. The selected properties are Alderson Funeral Home and Highland Bowling Alley. Four trees will be needed, but the property owners still must be contacted. Suggested trees are: Flowering Cherry and Sugar Maple.

Adopt-a-Spot

All the “spot” properties are looking very well. The Bartlem Park “spot” was outstanding.

Gateway Parklet

The committee had a chance to review the plan to change the curve at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Maple Avenue. When asked why the CT DOT was involved, Mr. Sitko responded by telling the committee that Highland Avenue is a state road. He also said that the fire trucks had a hard time maneuvering the corner. The island would most likely stay, but be reconfigured.

Mr. Sitko and Mr. Bonaminio asked Mr. O'Donnell to check with Parks and Recreation to see if the TBC could be involved in moving the plants and trees when the time comes.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Reviews

Simply Wireless/Verizon Wireless – 187 Highland Avenue

Matt Walsh of Tim’s Sign in Meriden came before the committee this morning to explain the type of sign that is to be used for the wireless store that will be occupying space in Maplecroft Plaza. The store will be located between Subway and Jenney K Cleaners. The sign, saying “Simply Wireless” will be red and black, internally illuminated and located directly above the store. The applicant is currently working to get it compliant with the 5% allowed.

Mr. O’Donnell made a motion to accept the sign application as presented. It was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon.

Kumon - 15 South Main Street

Mr. Seth Kaplan represented Kumon this morning. The business will be located in the former bakery location on South Main Street across from Academy Road. Kumon is a tutoring program similar to Sylvan. The colors of the sign requested are corporate colors of black lettering on a light blue background. It will be a wall sign constructed of composite aluminum with acrylic. The dimensions are 17.47 sq. ft. A public hearing of the Historic District Commission (HDC) will be held on June 17, 2013.

A motion was made by Mr. O’Donnell to approve the sign pending the approval of the HDC. It was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

Liaison Reports

Mr. O’Donnell of Parks & Recreation reported that a program is available for “Legacy Trees” for donations upon the death of a loved one. He said he will compile a list of trees and have it in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. O’Donnell and seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee