

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JULY 10, 2013
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

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

ABSENT: Bonaminio

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Voelker 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Members welcomed new member Jo-Ann Vitarelli to the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 5, 2013 regular meeting were approved as corrected. The correction being that under "TBC Awards" Ms. Dillman had been contacted by Ms. Inge Venus not Ms. Presnick-Lyon. The motion to approve was made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Sitko mentioned that he has received a check in memory of Ms. McKagney to be used for plantings or as the committee sees fit. He went on to say that currently there is over \$100 in the account.

Barrels

Mr. Sitko said that he has been hearing good reports about the barrels on West Main Street. They are looking great. It was also noted that some of the barrels around town need weeding and some need trash removed from them. Mr. Sitko also said that he and Mr. Bonaminio are going to meet with Mr. Thatcher regarding the care of the barrels by the Boy Scouts. He said when they meet they will look at all the barrels and take care of those that need tending to. Ms. Archibald added that the barrels are only watered once a week at best and during this heat they need to be done at least twice a week. Member discussed the possibility of having someone else do the watering but before any change is made, they would have to see who would be able to take on the task.

Regarding the trash in the flowers, Ms. Dillman suggested a trash barrel be put near the planters.

TBC Awards

Members are to continue looking for worthy places.

Street Trees

Mr. Sitko noted that there was \$1300 left from the last fiscal year's budget and has been encumbered to be used in this fiscal year for planting street trees. The new trees will be planted at Alderson's Funeral Home on South Main Street. The new fiscal year allows the TBC a budget of \$13,000.

Adopt-a-Spot

Members felt that all the "spots" are looking great.

Gateway Parklet – Route 10 & Maple Avenue

Mr. Sitko said that he has not heard anything about a starting date, but it would definitely be this summer. Mr. O'Donnell said that he spoke to Mr. Ceccolini, Director of Parks & Recreation, and was told that they would try to save as many plantings as possible when the project starts.

Mr. Sitko also noted that regarding the vaults on Main Street, work will be starting soon to make corrections because of improper installation. There is leakage and water is getting in.

On another note, Mr. Sitko also told the committee that the sidewalks around Town Hall will be replaced with pavers.

NEW BUSINESS

Plan Reviews – Cheshire Route 10 LLC (W/S Development) - Interchange Zone

Mr. Sitko presented the plans from WS Development for the development of the northwest quadrant of the Interchange Zone. He said that the plan has already been approved by Inland Wetlands and is currently before Planning & Zoning. The plans showed 600,000 sq. ft. of commercial space that would include a hotel, grocery store and health and wellness center. The projected configuration has changed. The commercial space will be developed first with the residential space being developed at a later date. The main entrance will be located directly opposite the exit ramp of I-691 with other minor entrances. The estimated tax revenue to the town will be approximately 2.3 million dollars. The tenants have not yet been announced. The sewers will also be linked to the Cheshire system, but the developer will be responsible for payment. The project is expected to begin in the spring of 2014 and have a 12 to 18 month completion date. A large landscaping plan was also submitted, but the committee decided that they prefer to have a better explanation of the plantings before approving. Mr. Sitko said that he will ask the developer to come before the committee in September.

Cheshire Fall Festival and Marketplace – September 7

Mr. Sitko asked the committee of their preference as to whether they would like to participate in the festival or not. After some discussion, the committee decided they would not participate.

Summer Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. Meyerjack to cancel the August 7, 2013 meeting due to anticipated lack of quorum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Mr. O'Donnell said that he had no report from Parks & Recreation, but asked that everyone be aware of the Summer Concert Series that will be taking place at Bartlem Park.

Discussion

Mr. Sitko added that a 40,000 sq. ft. building will be built by the Housing Authority and Consolidated Industries on Waterbury Road will have new and quieter hammers installed in a new building.

Ms. Presnick-Lyon questioned the new building being planned by Bozzuto's. She was told that the text change is before Planning & Zoning now.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:20 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee