# CHESHIRE TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 AT 7:30 A.M. CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET ROOM 207 / 209

# Committee Members Present:

Chairman William Bonaminio, Pat Archibald, William Meyerjack, Jane Presnick-Lyon and Lynn Voelker

# Committee Members Absent:

Pauline Cacace, Susan Dillman, Jo-Ann Vitarelli and Mike O'Donnell - Park & Recreation Commission Representative

# **Staff Present:**

Jerry Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

# Others Present:

David Schrumm, Town Council Liaison (departed at 8:10 a.m.)

# I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:45 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 – January 7, 2015 Regular Meeting January 21, 2015 Sign Subcommittee Meeting

**MOTION** by Pat Archibald that the Town Beautification Committee approves the minutes from the January 7, 2015 Regular Meeting with the following correction: Page 3, Work Plan for 2015 section at the end of the first paragraph the sentence should read, "Ms. Presnick Lyon felt that a statement should be made to the Siting Council stating how the Town Beautification Committee feel about a cell tower of 180'." SECONDED by Lynn Voelker.

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

The motion passed 5 - 0.

**MOTION** by Lynn Voelker that the Town Beautification Committee approves the minutes from the January 21, 2015 Sign Subcommittee Meeting as submitted. SECONDED by William Meyerjack.

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

The motion passed 5 - 0.

## VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**MOTION** by William Meyerjack that the Election of Officers for the Town Beautification Committee be tabled until the March 2015 meeting. SECONDED by Lynn Voelker.

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

The motion passed 5 - 0.

#### VII. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Letter of January 13, 2015 to CT Siting Council re: Cell Tower at Quinnipiac Park
- 2. Letter of January 15, 2015 from CT Siting Council

Committee members reviewed the letters referenced above regarding the Cell Tower at Quinnipiac Park on Cheshire Street.

#### VII. BUSINESS

# A. Adopt-A-Spot Program

Chairman Bonaminio commented that the picture board in the Town Hall Lobby and at the Cheshire Public Library was nicely done. Mr. Sitko stated that the Town Beautification Committee's Adopt-A-Spot program participants will be receiving a letter

asking to see if they want to continue on in 2015. Once responses are received the Committee can determine how many, if any, spots need to be filled for the new year.

#### B. Planters

Ms. Archibald noted that the planters all appear to be upright and in place but that is all that can be determined right now due to the amount of snow on the ground in Cheshire at this time.

## C. Chamber of Commerce Expo

Mr. Sitko stated that the Chamber of Commerce Expo is planned for March 28<sup>th</sup> and he recommends the Town Beautification Committee spend time at their March meeting finalizing plans for the Committee's display for the Expo. Chairman Bonaminio commented that he feels the previous idea for a suggestion box at the Expo was a good one to help determine what the people of Cheshire want from this Committee. He would also like to see photographs of the Cheshire Trees to be Appreciated and the Adopt a Spot locations on display at the Expo.

#### D. Street trees

Mr. Sitko stated that last week he met with Ms. Dillman, Ms. Voelker, Chairman Bonaminio and Councilman Schrumm to discuss a program to plant street trees in visible locations in Cheshire. The group selected London Planes and proposed they be planted along Route 10 in Bartlem Park to start off the program. Chairman Bonaminio is developing a planting plan to go along with this program, which he brought with him today for the Committee to review. Once the planting plan is finalized the Parks & Recreation Committee will be approached about this project. After the Parks & Recreation Committee has reviewed the plans then quotes for the project and trees can be acquired and hopefully the project can move forward.

Committee members reviewed the plans that Chairman Bonaminio put together for Route 10 near Bartlem Park and Cheshire High School then moving north to hopefully involve some private property owners along Route 10. The Committee would like to focus on the Bartlem Park area entrance of Route 10 and near the Yellow House. The first phase of the project would focus on the area by the Gazebo at the Bartlem Park Entrance up to Chipman Drive with planting of (7) London Planes trees spaced 25-30 feet apart.

Ms. Presnick Lyon suggested creating an overall proposed design plan, as if we could put in as many trees wherever the Committee wanted to and then it can move forward in different phases. Committee members were cautious on how to move forward with suggestions for private property plantings. It was agreed that the design plan should only include Town property at this time, from the Allstate building moving South on Route 10 toward the Yellow House.

#### E. Work Plan for 2015

Committee members reviewed the proposed final draft of the Work Plan activities for 2015 for the Town Beautification Committee.

# F. Liaison Reports

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

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Lynn Voelker to adjourned the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Town Beautification Committee at 8:20 a.m.; SECONDED by William Meyerjack.

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

The motion passed 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski Substitute Recording Secretary