

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 7, 2015
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

ABSENT: Dillman

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

COUNCIL LIAISON: David Schrumm

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

Adopt-a-Spot Program

Letters were sent to the various participants of the program thanking them for their participation, stating that this was the ninth year for the program and that the TBC was indeed pleased with the efforts put forth. The participants were also asked to remember to clean up their spots for the winter making sure the spot is weeded and dead plants removed. Signs will also be taken down. Members also decided that a plaque with a picture will be given to the recipients. The Adopt-a-Spot participants and the TBC awards recipients will be recognized at the same time. The ceremony will be held in February.

The TBC awards recipients for 2015 are: Currier Woods, Sunoco Gas Station, Southwick at Cheshire, Temple Beth David, Vespucci's and Viron Rondo Osteria.

Planters

Ms. Archibald began by asking if the watering should continue. Mr. Sitko said he felt that it would be a good idea until the end of October since the weather is so nice and the planters still look good.

Street Trees

Mr. Bonaminio began by telling the committee that the locations for the seven London Plane trees at Bartlem Park have been marked but the trees won't be available until the spring. Mr. Bonaminio said he will also be obtaining some trees soon for First Congregational Church that will be planted on the town green.

Mr. Sitko then said that he and Mr. Bonaminio looked at the plans for Rite Aid pharmacy to see what could be done about planting trees there and they felt that there is room for a few trees. Mr. Sitko said he would contact Rite Aid to see what could be done.

Mr. Schrumm is also looking at the West Main Street entrance to the linear trail and said that there is room for planting London Plane trees and possibly adding benches, pavers and signs to enhance the area. Also, benches "in memory" of someone could be included. Mr. O'Donnell offered to walk the trail with anyone interested to see where to put the benches.

St. Bridget Cemetery

Mr. Sitko began by telling the committee that he had obtained a quote from Brookside Landscaping for spreading 12 yards of rough bark mulch and labor to remove existing daylily and other plants from the hill. The quote was for \$1640.

Much discussion ensued concerning the cemetery and why the TBC is responsible for taking care of it. The "wall" on South Main Street also was discussed at length and members weren't sure why the TBC took care of the cemetery and was not responsible for the wall. Members were told that they didn't have to take care of the cemetery but in the end it probably would become overgrown with weeds and that's what they've prevented by caring for it. Taking care of the wall, is the DOT's responsibility. Mr. Schrumm added that many years ago the wall was originally Route 10 and the trolley went over that part of the road.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to table the discussion until March but rescinded the motion.

Ms. Presnick-Lyon also made a motion to no longer fund the cleanup of St. Bridget cemetery but did not receive a second so the motion died.

Ms. Archibald said that in the spring we could approach St. Bridget church and offer to clean up the cemetery or go half and then walk away and the future of the cemetery maintenance would be up to them. Mr. Sitko said he felt that was a good compromise. Members did feel that St. Bridget should be approached and Mr. Sitko said he would be in contact with them.

TBC Awards

Liaison Reports

Mr. O'Donnell reported that the fields are being made ready for winter and the progress of the pool is on time. It is scheduled for completion in January.

Mr. Schrumm said he's been hearing reports that seniors are looking forward to using the pool as much as the younger folks.

Mr. Schrumm also added that construction of the state's part of the linear trail from Jarvis Street to Southington is coming along. They are doing a good job as far as he can see.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Voelker to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Ms. Cacace. All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:17 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee