

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 6, 2016  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

**PRESENT:** Bonaminio, Vitarelli, O'Donnell, Presnick-Lyon, Dillman and Meyerjack

**ABSENT:** Voelker, Cacace and Archibald

**STAFF:** Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli with the following corrections: on page 3 under Planters, the sentence should read "She noted that the mild weather so far allowed for a very nice batch of Frazier Fir from Vermont". In an e-mail Ms. Archibald she said she felt that several trees were planted at Chapman School and inquired about maintenance of the trees. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2015 Sign Subcommittee meeting as presented. All were in favor.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) An e-mail from Ms. Archibald stated that she is willing to take the position of Vice Chairman of the TBC should Ms. Cacace not be willing to do so.
- 2) In a letter from Town Manager Michael Milone, he thanked the Town Beautification Committee for all the time and effort that they devoted to decorating the exteriors of the Town Hall and the Library during the holidays making them more attractive and festive.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Planters**

Mr. Bonaminio said he felt that the planters were looking very nice at this time.

### **Street Trees**

Mr. Sitko told the committee that money for spring tree plantings is already encumbered, but after the July budget there should be more available for planting at that time.

### **St. Bridget Cemetery**

Mr. Bonaminio began by saying that the Daylilies were plentiful at the cemetery and they could be split. Mr. Sitko then said that after the spring mulching and weeding takes place at the cemetery the TBC will no longer be responsible for its care. He said he will meet with the pastor and explain this to him. The Daylilies will go to the parks department.

### **Lights in Town Center and Corner Parklet**

Mr. O'Donnell said that there have been many problems with the lights at Ives Corner parklet being damaged by people or snow removers. New lights were installed that were flush with the ground and still would up light the trees. This was a much better solution.

### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Sitko reminded the members that according to its bylaws, the TBC is to elect its officers at the February meeting. Officers of the committee include a chairman, vice chairman and secretary.

### **Awards Ceremony.**

Mr. Sitko asked the committee to think about the type of award that is to be given to the participants. Ms. Dillman said she wasn't sure if the photo she took could be used but would check with the Barker's representative.

The following is a list of recipients that will receive awards:

### **Adopt-a-Spot Program**

- 1) Suburban Garden Club of Cheshire – Linda Broker, President
- 2) Cheshire Nursery & Garden Center – William Beebe
- 3) Cheshire Freemasons Temple Lodge 16 – Jon Fischer
- 4) Paws Pet Resort & Spa – Joseph and Robin Whitright
- 5) Dietrich Gardens – Daniel Dietrich

### **TBC Awards Recipients**

- 1) Currier Woods – Don Graybon, Management
- 2) Sunoco Gas Station – D. Alannah Coshow, Danaher Realty
- 3) Southwick at Cheshire – Leanne Shoop, Conn. Real Estate Management
- 4) Temple Beth David – Rabbi Josh Whinston
- 5) Vespucci's Italian Restaurant – 150 Main Street
- 6) Viron Rondo Osteria – 1721 Highland Avenue

### **Liaison Reports**

Ms. Sylvia Nichols, liaison from the Cheshire Town Council, was unavailable this morning but said she would attend upcoming meetings.

**Discussion**

Mr. Sitko began by explaining to the committee that this will be another tough year for the budget because of the financial condition of the state. He said the budget for the TBC will basically be the same as last year being \$13,200. He said the expenditures are: office supplies, program materials, advertising, secretarial services and contractual services. Since the committee has decided not to participate in the Home & Garden Show in March, the monies would be redistributed to program materials therefore giving the committee more money to buy trees and plants.

Also mentioned was that the flowers at the Town Council meetings were being donated by the local growers.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting ended at 8:28 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee