

**MINUTES  
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
JUNE 1, 2016  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL  
ROOM 207**

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

**ABSENT:** Dillman

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Meyerjack made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. All were in favor with Ms. Presnick-Lyon abstaining because she was absent.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the minutes of the Sign Subcommittee meeting of May 18, 2016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

**COMMUNICATION**

There were no communications.

**BUSINESS**

**Site Plan Review – 420 South Main Street – Parking Expansion**

Ms. Ann Stein of Annsapes attended the meeting this morning to inform the members of the proposed plan for 420 South Main Street. The property is owned by Dr. Larry Erwich of Cheshire who is seeking to expand the parking area. The area is located south of the existing building. More parking is needed due to the physical therapy business that will be moving in. Ten additional spaces are needed. After looking over the proposed plan, the committee suggested that in addition to low plants and shrubs perhaps one or two trees be added. Ms. Voelker the suggested that another plan be submitted to the committee once the plan is closer to being done.

**Signage Review – New Leaf Family Dental- 314 West Main Street**

Dr. Greg Bemis and Ms. Jodi Bemis of New Leaf Family Dental were available this morning to present to the committee a rendering of the new sign for their dental practice. Mr. Sitko noted that Dr. and Mrs. Bemis bought the building and brought it back to life with many renovations. Their application is for a new sign that will be freestanding and double faced. The colors will be light green, dark green and blue and will be constructed of PVC. The dimensions will be 4.5' by 4.5' and will be illuminated only at night by solar during hours of operation. The sign will also be moved closer to the corner for visibility but the applicant will check with the Police Department about its location. A motion was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli to accept the plan for the proposed sign as presented. All were in favor.

**Sign Regulations**

A Supreme Court decision on sign regulations was brought to the attention of TBC members this morning by Mr. Sitko. Basically, it states that the town has no jurisdiction with regulating signs with the exception of dimensions. Colors and words cannot be considerations. Going forward, the TBC will continue in its advisory role on sign reviews and request cooperation from applicants on suggested changes.

### **Planters**

Ms. Archibald said the spring has been kind to the pansies that had been planted earlier but now it is time to change and replant. She said she will be heading to Tower Farms soon to obtain Dragon Wing Begonias, Grasses and Sedum to replace the Pansies.

### **Street Trees**

Mr. Sitko told the committee that the large tree in front of The Yellow House on South Main Street will be removed. Mr. O'Donnell added that the TBC will be planting 7 more London plane trees at Bartlem Park.

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

The Adopt-a-Spot program is well under way and the "spots" are looking good. It was also noted that Suburban Garden Club is maintaining the "spot" at The Yellow House.

### **Liaison Reports**

Mr. O'Donnell said that the Memorial Day parade was good and very well attended. He also mentioned that currently there is plenty of summer help at Parks and Recreation. The students will be here until the end of August.

Mr. Bonaminio noted that there were Mountain Laurels planted near the entrance to the linear trail on West Main Street and that it should have been a tree or bush that could better tolerate the sun. He also said that Oak trees were planted near the trail and suggested that Maple trees would have been a better choice.

### **Business Appreciation Day**

Mr. Sitko said that Business Appreciation Day will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at Elim Park. A breakfast will be available for those in attendance and the guest speaker will be Mr. Sunil Gulati, senior lecturer of global economics at Columbia University and president of the U.S. Soccer Federation. Mr. Sitko invited all members to attend and said they would be receiving invitations in the mail.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting ended at 8:28 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk  
Town Beautification Committee