

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

PRESENT: Bonaminio, Archibald, Voelker, Cacace, Dillman, Vitarelli
Presnick-Lyon and Meyerjack

ABSENT: O'Donnell

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:33 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

A motion was made by Ms. Presnick-Lyon to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2016 and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

BUSINESS

Signage review – Gaylord Hospital – 1154 Highland Avenue

Ms. Tara Knapp, Vice President of Public Relations for Gaylord Hospital and Mr. Peter Grevelding, Manager of Therapy Services, were present this morning to present the sign plan to the committee and answer questions. Ms. Knapp began by explaining to the committee that the therapy department has been open since June 13 and is doing well. They are occupying the right side of the second floor and are there for urgent and primary care and sports injuries. The reason for their appearance this morning was to review a permit to allow for a sign on the south side of the building between the windows. The sign will be 3'5" by 10'3" (36 sq. ft.) and does not exceed 5% of the wall face. It is a sign that will be internally illuminated with low voltage LED lighting. It will be made of aluminum and plastic and will be white, teal and brown in color. A directory sign will also be located near the street.

A motion was made to accept the application by Ms. Presnick-Lyon and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. All were in favor.

Planters

Mr. Bonaminio and Ms. Archibald said they felt the planters were in good shape and being watered in a timely manner. They noted how difficult it could be during the summer heat.

Street Trees

Members noted that 7 additional London plane trees have been planted at Bartlem Park. Since they were obtained from and planted by Brookside Landscaping, the company is responsible for watering and maintaining them for a period of one year.

Adopt-a-Spot

The Safety Committee has notified the town that two areas need attention. Mr. Sitko said that the plantings should be low so as not to overpower the safety signs.

It was also noted that the "spot" at Exit 3 off I-691 that is being maintained by Dietrich Gardens is looking great and is decorated in red, white and blue.

August meeting

As in the past, because of anticipated lack of quorum, the August meeting will be cancelled. A motion was made by Ms. Cacace to cancel the August meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Voelker. All were in favor.

Liaison Reports

There was no report.

Discussion

Mr. Sitko brought to the attention of the TBC that this Saturday there will be a ceremony at the Civil War Monument on the Green. He asked those present to attend if possible. It is the 150th anniversary of the monument.

He also said that there will be a ribbon cutting this weekend to open the portion of the Linear Trail from West Main to Jarvis Streets. He said that the portion of the trail between Jarvis and the Southington town line is in progress and should be opened by fall.

The sidewalk extension project on West Main Street should begin on Monday, July 11.

A remediation grant for \$750,000 was approved for the Ball & Socket Arts.

Members also noted the condition the plantings in front of the Rite-Aid store.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Cacace to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:15 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk

Town Beautification Committee