

**CHESHIRE TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 AT 7:30 A.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ROOM 207 / 209**

Committee Members Present:

William Bonaminio, Pat Archibald, Lynn Voelker, Pauline Cacace, Susan Dillman, Jane Presnick-Lyon, Michael O'Donnell and Jo-Ann Vitarelli

Committee Members Absent:

William Meyerjack

Staff Present:

Jerry Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

Others Present:

Jim Martz of the Cheshire Land Trust, Bob Neff of Signcraft, Bob Amenta of Modern Tire and Paul Bowman of Diversified Builders.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 6, 2016 Regular Meeting

Mr. O'Donnell moved, and Ms. Presnick-Lyon seconded, that the TBC approve the minutes of the July 2, 2016 meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter of July 25, 2016 from Mr. Christopher Cowles regarding the Cheshire Board of Education parking lot.

Committee members reviewed the above referenced letter. Mr. Sitko will put Mr. Cowles in touch with Vin Masciana from the Board of Education

VII. BUSINESS

A. Signage Review:

1. Ives Farm, Cheshire Land Trust - 1585 Cheshire Street

The TBC found the proposed sign, as presented by Mr. Martz, acceptable and recommended that the area below and around the sign be planted with shrubs and flowers.

2. Modern/Anderson Tire – 514 West Main Street

Mr. Amenta presented the new signs proposed for the building and property. TBC members viewed the new signs as an upgrade to the existing signs and found the signs proposed by Mr. Amenta acceptable.

3. Saint Mary's Hospital – 1154 Highland Avenue

Mr. Sitko said that the signs for primary and urgent care for St. Mary's Hospital have gone through several changes and that those proposed meet the requirements of the sign regulations. Mr. Neff said that the signs may be changed in the future as St. Mary's will be acquired by Trinity Healthcare. Members of the TBC found the proposed signs acceptable.

4. Pure Yoga/Innovation in Education – 166-168 South Main Street

Mr. Bowman presented wall signs and a freestanding sign for the building and property. Mr. Sitko said that the details of the proposed sign still need to be worked out with the planning and zoning staff. However, as a tenant is anxious to get in 166 South Main Street, he'd like to keep this application moving forward, pending approval from the planning staff and perhaps the Planning and Zoning Commission. The TBC found the proposed signs acceptable.

B. Planters

TBC members commented on the attractive appearance of the planters. Ms Archibald reported that she told Abilities Without Boundaries to keep watering though September. The plantings have been stressed during the recent dry and hot weather, but have held up, according to Ms. Archibald.

D. Street trees

The committee reviewed the proposal to plant 5 additional London planes in Bartlem Park. Ms. Presnick-Lyon and Dillman questioned the need to pay Brookside to remove the tree at the Yellow House. Mr. O'Donnell will ask Mr. Ceccolini if parks personnel could remove the tree and stump.

E. Adopt-A-Spot Program

Committee members felt satisfied with the appearance of the four spots this year.

F. Liaison Reports

Mr. O'Donnell reported that park personnel will be busy working to support the Fall Festival on September 10. Mr. Sitko said that the Lights at Ives Corner Park have been out for some time, and he asked Mr. O'Donnell to check with Mr. Ceccolini about getting them back on.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. O'Donnell to adjourn the September 7th meeting of the Town Beautification Committee at 8:45 a.m.; **SECONDED** by Ms. Vitarelli.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerald L. Sitko
Economic Development Coordinator