

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 5, 2016
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

ABSENT: Voelker

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

Ms. Cacace made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Presnick-Lyon. All were in favor.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2016 Sign Subcommittee meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATION

An invitation from the Cheshire Public Library for a reception on October 19, 2016 was mentioned by Mr. Sitko. He noted that all were invited.

Mention was made of the new outdoor sign at the library. Members thought it was an attractive sign but unable to be seen heading north because of a tree being in front of it.

BUSINESS

Planters

Ms. Archibald said that she has asked Abilities Without Boundaries to stop watering for the season. Mr. Bonaminio noted that the planters look good.

Street Trees

Members felt that the trees that are to be planted at Bartlem Park should wait until spring. They also noted that a large tree in front of the Yellow House needed to be removed.

Mr. Bonaminio said that a few nurseries in the state are closing.

Adopt-a-Spot

Mr. Sitko said that letters are ready to be mailed to the various participants thanking them for their efforts. The committee will be looking for someone to maintain the Bartlem Park “spot”.

Awards

The awards ceremony will be held next year. Members felt that holding the ceremony every two years works well.

Discussion

Members discussed planting daffodil bulbs on the corner near St. Peter’s Church. The bulbs would be planted against the wall behind the Hosta that are already there. A variety of daffodils will be planted.

A motion was made by Ms. Cacace that Mr. Bonaminio purchase up to \$400 worth of daffodil bulbs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. All were in favor.

Liaison Reports

Mr. O’Donnell reported that the town will be purchasing the Chapman property on South Main Street. The closing could be as soon as the end of the month. Mr. Sitko added that the Historic District Commission would like to see if the house and/or barn are salvageable.

Mr. O’Donnell also noted that the trail from Jarvis to the Southington town line will be opening soon. He said 3 ½ miles have been added this year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 8:20 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee