

**MINUTES
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 2, 2016
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL
ROOM 207**

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

ABSENT: Cacace

STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:32 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. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. All were in favor.

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2016 sign subcommittee meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was sent to all the Adopt-a-Spot participants thanking them for their participation in this year's program.

BUSINESS

Signage Review – 1146 Waterbury Road – Cornerstone Church

Eric Bucci, pastor of Cornerstone Church was present at the meeting to inform the members of the need for a new sign. The current sign is old and is in disrepair. The new sign will be freestanding and constructed of aluminum. It will be 24 sq. ft. and will be a matte gray finish. It will have white letters on a black background. Because of zoning regulations, the new sign will not be illuminated. The church has hired Bethany Mountain Landscaping to do the work around and near the base of the sign. The landscaping will consist of low bushes and grasses.

A motion was made by Ms. Dillman and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli to accept the application for a new sign. All were in favor.

Request for funding for plantings at the Cheshire Library

Ms. Deborah Rutter, Deputy Director of the Cheshire Public Library, attended the meeting to present the proposed planting plan to the committee. Ms. Rutter brought photos of the current landscaping at the library. On behalf of the library, she asked the committee to fund purchasing flats of ground cover totaling \$325.35. She said she would purchase 4 different types of ground cover from

Classy Ground Covers, a mail order company. She said the bulbs would be ordered now at the quoted price then delivered and planted at a later date. The committee also suggested Myrtle as another choice of ground cover. Mr. O'Donnell asked about the status of the TBC budget and was told there was enough to cover this expense.

Ms. Presnick-Lyon made a motion to appropriate \$325.35 to add these plantings to the library. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillman. All were in favor.

Discussion:

Mr. Bonaminio said that he and Ms. Archibald and Ms. Cacace had planted 800 daffodil bulbs around the wall at the park near St. Peter's Church.

Planters

Ms. Archibald said she emptied all the planters except for the tall grasses. Mr. Bonaminio said that the holiday greens are now available.

Street Trees

Mr. Sitko said they are waiting for word from Parks & Recreation to remove a tree at the Yellow House. Mr. O'Donnell said that Mr. Ceccolini has agreed to hire a company to take down the tree.

Adopt-a-Spot

The Adopt-a-Spot areas are expected to be cleaned up by November 13. Ms. Archibald wondered if the Bartlem Park spot was worth being adopted because it is very hard to maintain. A suggestion was made to plant some low maintenance perennials without blocking the sign. It was decided to add the project to the list for the spring.

Awards

Mr. Sitko asked committee members to be on the lookout for worthy award recipients.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Sitko said the Ordinance Review Committee will entertain the possibility of a blight ordinance. Nothing is definite yet and he will keep the TBC posted on its progress. Ms. Presnick-Lyon added that there is a book at the library on a blight ordinance and eminent domain and suggests that people read it.

Mr. Sitko also added that the cost to replace to damaged lights at the Ives Corner Parklet will cost approximately \$700 to \$1000.

Mr. Sitko also said that there was interest in the “Wesson” property on South Main St. and the “Arby’s” property but at this time he is not at liberty to disclose the interest.

Mr. Sitko did say, however, that a Japanese hibachi restaurant will occupy the former Dress Barn store.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Voelker and seconded by Ms. Vitarelli. All were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee