CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Sitko noted that the election of officers had been omitted on the agenda and asked that a motion be made to place it on today’s agenda if the committee wanted to elect officers. A motion was made by Ms. Voelker to place the election of officers on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Altobello. Mr. Bonaminio was nominated as the chairman. Ms. Cacace was nominated as the vice-chairman. Ms. Voelker was nominated as the secretary. All were elected unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Truluck to approve the minutes of the December 2009 and January 2010 meetings and the minutes of the Sign Subcommittee held on January 20, 2010 as presented. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.
BUSINESS

Plan Reviews

There were no plan reviews.

Sign Reviews

There were no sign reviews.

Expo

Mr. Bonaminio said he had attended a meeting of the Expo Committee at the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and to date nothing specific was decided. The TBC will once again take a premier part in the Expo. The Expo will be held on April 10, 2010. Members discussed what the beautification committee will do at the Expo to attract visitors and how the booth would be decorated. Videos on trees and a planting station for kids were suggested. Another idea was perhaps a slide show of flowers.

Adopt-a-Spot & TBC Awards

Mr. Bonaminio asked about recognizing the Adopt-a-Spot people at the awards breakfast. After some discussion, it was determined that they had already been recognized with pictures in the Cheshire Herald. Members also discussed whether or not to have a breakfast for the TBC Awards winners. After some discussion, members decided that the TBC Awards winners would be asked to attend the March TBC meeting, a paperweight and flowers would be awarded and coffee served.

Trees

Members were asked to keep looking for notable trees.

Barrels

Members felt that the barrels are not looking good at this time and there was discussion about replacing the current barrels with larger and higher ones. Members also felt that condensing and grouping the amount of barrels would be a good idea. They thought that a larger group would
make more of a statement than many barrels placed throughout town. Before new barrels are purchased, Mr. Sitko said he would contact Bob Thatcher to see how many barrels are being stored. The committee also felt that this was the time to think about purchasing new barrels. Members thought that checking on new barrels, how to pay for them and making plans to obtain them should be a priority at this time. If it is to be done, it should be done right and permanently.

**West Main Street Commercial Area**

Mr. Bonaminio reported that there was a meeting a week ago and the culvert is not on the list to be repaired until 2011, therefore the town is able to proceed west from the culvert to Deepwood Drive. The project should also be going out to bid sometime this month. The CT. DOT still has to sign off on the ornamental lights.

**Town Hall Decorative Wall**

Mr. Bonaminio and members said that now that it is completed it looks good. Mr. Sitko said that now is the time to start thinking about a planting plan for the spring. Paul FitzSimmons, of Parks and Recreation, will be contacted for his input into planning the project.

**Artsplace**

Mr. Sitko said he spoke to the people at Artsplace about refurbishing the sign in front and the consensus was that the sign will remain the same, at least for the time being.

**Parks & Recreation**

No report

**Economic Development**

No report
Town Council

No report

Planning & Zoning

No report

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Altobello and seconded by Ms. Truluck to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:18 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee