PRESENT: Bonaminio, Cacace, Truluck, Meyerjack, Voelker, Trifone, Lyon and Archibald
ABSENT: Dawson, Linder and Ecke
STAFF: Gerald L. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Bonaminio called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion was made by Mr. Meyerjack and seconded by Ms. Lyon to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010 meeting with one correction. The correction being that Ms. Cacace’s name was listed twice as absent and Mr. Trifone’s name was omitted. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Voelker and seconded by Ms. Truluck to approve to minutes of the April 21, 2010 Sign Subcommittee meeting. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS
Mr. Sitko read an e-mail communication from Gabriella Tougas of 38 Currier Way. Ms. Tougas stated that there was a tree to be appreciated near her and asked the committee to look at it.

Mr. Sitko then read another e-mail from Vincent Masciana, Director of Public Service for Cheshire Public Schools.

A third e-mail was from Mr. Ceccolini, Director of Parks and Recreation, concerning the Gateway Parklet at the corner of Route 10 and Maple Avenue. In his note Mr. Ceccolini states that the arbor at the parklet has rotted and the wisteria vines have grown out of control. His suggestion is that the arbor and wisteria vines be removed and replaced with an entirely new
concept. He is asking the TBC to look at the situation and suggest what can be done to make it more pleasing.

**BUSINESS**

**Sign Reviews**

Mr. Levent Kiranlioglu appeared before the committee this morning to present his application for a sign at his new business at 949 South Main Street. His new business will be a liquor store and will occupy the space formerly used by Action Sports. The sign will be ground lit and will be yellow and black. The dimensions of the sign met all criteria, therefore was viewed favorably by the committee. The only suggestion was that the lighting on the sign be toned down.

Mr. Sitko took the time to remind the committee members that if ever the colors of an application were to raise a question, members should feel free to discuss it with the applicant and make suggestions.

**Committees**

**Sign**

The application for a sign from Campion Ambulance Service, 3 Country Club Road, was heard on April 21, 2010 and the committee found the proposed sign to be acceptable provided the applicant check with the Cheshire Police Dept. for placement of the sign and that the area surrounding the sign is landscaped. The sign will have a white background with red border and blue lettering.

**Expo**

Mr. Bonaminio said he has not heard anything about the Expo.

**Adopt-a-Spot**

Mr. Sitko and Ms. Cacace said that all letters have been sent to those that will participate and will send follow-up letters as Memorial Day approaches.
Trees
The trees to be appreciated have been checked and green ribbons placed on them. The committee discussed that in the future perhaps it would be prudent if the committee identify those trees to be appreciated.

Arbor Day Plantings
Trees have been planted at Highland and Humiston Schools and there will be a tree planting ceremony this morning at Chapman School. Pencils will also be handed out.

Barrels
Members felt the barrels are looking great. When the barrels are replanted for the summer, those barrels near Town Hall will be done in a red, white and blue theme. This planting will most likely take place on Saturday, May 22 to be ready for Memorial Day.

West Main Street Area
Mr. Sitko said that the bids have been returned and that a total of five were received. Milone and MacBroom is currently reviewing and tabulating the bids. Mr. Sitko said that if all is in order, the bid will be awarded. The project should be ready to go this summer.

TBC Awards
Mr. Bonaminio and Mr. Sitko mentioned to the committee that it is not too early to keep an eye out for good properties, both private and business to be selected for next year’s awards.

Town Hall – Decorative Wall
Mr. Bonaminio said he met with Paul Fitzsimmons of Parks and Recreation to discuss the types of plantings for the wall. Mr. Fitzsimmons said he would rather some top soil be added first. Mr. Bonaminio suggested that Flox be planted and be allowed to hang down off the wall. Some Daylilies, Black Eyed Susan and small evergreens were also a thought. Mr. Bonaminio then said he would entertain any suggestions from the committee.
Artsplace

Mr. Sitko said he attended a dedication for a fountain at Artsplace in memory of Joan Denney, a former member of the beautification committee, who devoted much time to Artsplace.

Street Trees

Mr. Bonaminio suggested that more trees be planted in the area of Cheshire Town Park. He said he would like to see more Kwansan Cherry Trees. The committee was in favor. Mr. Sitko said that money is available for plantings, but the committee has to decide on what is to be planted and where. Mr. Bonaminio said he would also contact Mr. Schrumm from the Cheshire Land Trust to see if any monetary help can be given for the trees.

Reports

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Trifone said that Parks & Recreation meets tonight. He said that summer help will be available in about 2 weeks. There are many projects ahead for the summer.

Economic Development

No report.

Town Council

No Report.

Planning & Zoning

No report.
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Voelker and seconded by Ms. Cacace to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 840 a.m.

Attest:

Patricia W. Kuzmak, clerk
Town Beautification Committee