

**Town of Glastonbury
Community Beautification Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

1. Roll Call

Present: Robert Shipman, Chairman; Jarrod Sansoucy, Secretary; Linda DeGroff and Debra Devries-Dalton; and Greg Foran, Parks & Recreation

Excused: Della Winans, Vice Chairman and Kate Morgan

Absent: Mark Babineau

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2018

Della made motion to accept minutes as presented; all in favor 4-0.

3. 68 NATIONAL DRIVE – proposed landscaping modifications to resolve drainage issues – Karin Duggan, E.A. Quinn Landscape - Smith Brothers Insurance, applicant

Karin Duggan presented the plan and the committee had no comments or changes.

Debra made motion to accept the plan as presented; Jarrod seconded; all in favor 4-0.

4. 25 NAUBUC AVENUE – landscaping modifications for the proposed Cortland Place 10-Unit Residential Development – Dutton Associates - Tommy Li, applicant

Jim Dutton presented a plan with minor changes:

- rain garden - changing plant species to be more salt and dry tolerant
- the removal of two existing larger trees originally on the plan; replacing them with new maple trees

Bob reminded Jim that the two trees planned for the front of the building should be beech trees as the committee suggested last time (the plan showed them as hornbeams).

Linda made motion to accept the changes to the approved landscape plan; Debra seconded; all in favor 4-0.

5. 86 OAK STREET – landscaping for a proposed 10,000 square foot daycare - Wayne Violette, Senior Landscape Architect, PLA, BL Companies – Attorney Meghan Hope - Donna Shepard, Owner - Louay Akil, Member, NU Dimensions, ENT, LLC, applicant

Attorney Peter Alter presented the project, introducing Landscape Architect Dominic Celtruda to present the landscape plan.

Jarrold suggested eliminating or changing the one small section of juniper in the lower corner of the parking lot to grass; Debra suggested maybe a perennial grass 'carex'.

Jarrold made motion to accept the plan as presented with the one change; Debra seconded; all in favor 4-0.

6. Proposed Regulation Changes Regarding Invasive Species

The proposed regulation change concerns the Beautification Committee's Guidelines for Review and updates the 1984 revision. These guidelines help applicants understand what is expected when presenting to the committee and helps them better prepare. The motion effectively bans invasive species from being included in designs being brought forward. This is part of the initiative toward a more sustainable approach to design and meets our organizational goals toward a comprehensive effort in this regard. Greg presented the following motion to the committee for approval:

"MOVED, that the Community Beautification Committee establish a ban on the inclusion of any invasive species in plans being submitted for review. The list of plants being banned are those listed in the guiding document called 'INVASIVE PLANTS IN YOUR BACKYARD! A GUIDE to THEIR IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL. NEW EXPANDED EDITION, as published in 2016 by the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District, 3rd edition, September 2016.' Further, this document lists suggested native alternatives and is encouraged as a reference in preparation for applications coming before this Committee. Finally, these guidelines will be added and referenced as Item 6 in the Guidelines for Landscape Review 1984 document and the name of that document changed to Guidelines for Landscape Review 2018."

Debra made the motion to accept the statement into our by-laws; Bob seconded; all in favor 4-0.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

476 Naubuc Ave: Jim Dutton presented the plan that was approved by the committee at a previous meeting. Jim wanted to make changes to the plan, adding more trees per the suggestion of Tom Mocko. Additional foundation plantings were also added to help screen and soften the height of the foundation.

Bob suggested keeping the trees, but staggering them instead of creating a straight line as shown on the plan and also to change a few of them to other varieties.

Jarrold made motion to accept the plan with the changes; Linda seconded; all in favor 4-0.

Greg introduced Lisa Zerio, the Town's new Director of Parks & Recreation. A discussion was held as to what the committee does for the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarrold Sansoucy