

**Town of Glastonbury
Community Beautification Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

1. Roll Call

Present: Robert Shipman, Chairman
Della Winans, Vice Chairman
Jarrod Sansoucy, Secretary
Linda DeGroff
Kate Morgan

Excused: Debra DeVries-Dalton

Absent: Mark Babineau

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2018

Linda moved to accept with the correction that Kate Morgan was excused; Bob seconded; all in favor 5-0.

3. 2955 MAIN STREET – proposal to raze existing structure and construct 10,766 square foot, 3-tenant building with patio – Attorney Meghan Hope – Shops on Main, LLC, applicant

Meg Hope introduced the project and its plan. Wayne Violet walked the members through the plans and plant selections.

Committee recommendations:

1. Add witch hazels, swamp maple, tulip trees, Amelanchier, and evergreens that like wet sites to help buffer the west property line: this was on the Phase One plan the Committee approved a few years ago but the spacing had changed on this plan.
2. Jarrod mentioned NO red twig dogwoods, please.
3. Bob made note to add 2 ornamental trees on the Main Street side proposed lawn area to add some color; smaller, flowering trees like dogwood or crabapple.
4. Is it possible to have the existing arborvitae hedge along the south property line transplanted to the north property line along the State-owned land, as they are nice-looking trees and shouldn't be completely removed?
5. Can a tree be added to the southwest corner of the proposed building in the area marked for just perennials and ground covers? Wayne explained that area has a sewer line under it, so it was suggested a smaller tree like Amelanchier, dogwood, or crabapple might work.
6. In the row of ornamental grasses proposed along the south side of the building - in the 3-foot wide area - the Committee would prefer trees, but understands the size of the area makes that difficult, so the Committee recommends mixing in an additional variety of grass, like Karel Forester Grass.

7. Jarrod had concerns that the plan shows a mix of a lot of plant varieties in the 4 proposed parking lots and suggested, as discussed prior to the meeting, more trees, along with just one evergreen juniper ground cover.
8. Linda suggested having larger planters placed along the face of the building to add seasonal color since the area has so much paving and so little planting.
9. Please create and add a tree protection plan to the plans to protect the two mature locust trees along Main Street. Greg offered a few local companies to help with the process

The Committee requested an updated plan be submitted to Community Devolvement for a second look by Committee members, with no additional meeting needed.

4. 1000 CHESTNUT HILL ROAD – upgrade/expansion to an existing communications facility, including installation of a new modular building & associated site improvements – Tyler Tompkins & Thomas Strand, Michael Baker International – Peter Talbot, Cox Communications, applicant

Tom Strand presented the plan, showing the proposed building and the driveway being installed to access the building for Cox Communications, planting 6 red cedar trees to screen the driveway.

Jarrod moved to accept the plan as presented, Kate seconded; all in favor 5-0.

5. 2019 Meeting Schedule

Linda moved to accept the schedule as presented, Jarrod seconded; all in favor 5-0.

6. OTHER BUSINESS - none at this time

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarrod Sansoucy