

**Town of Glastonbury
Community Beautification Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Linda DeGroff and Debra DeVries-Dalton

Removed: Mark Babineau

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018

Kate moved to accept the minutes. Bob seconded; all in favor 4-0.

3. 2807, 2813 and 2815 MAIN STREET - construction of a 3,168 one-story building (restaurant) together with 63 parking spaces and related infrastructure - John Alexopoulos, Landscape Architect – Attorney Meghan Hope - Glastonbury 2815, LLC, (Scott Leonard), applicant

Bob expressed a concern about the second exit location on the south side of the property. He thinks this area of Town needs more green space and this exit will add more pavement. He wondered if the parking lot could be pushed back to also allow more green space?

Within the Town right-of-way streetscape, the existing trees may not be in good health, and they should look into replacing them.

Meghan will speak with the Fire Chief about the sight lines for Company 1.

Jarrold expressed concern that less is more and the Committee feels that we need to simplify commercial landscapes as many of the owners do not take proper care of them. The Committee asked: for a decrease the variety and amount of plants; removal of the juniper hedge along the south property line; and to push back the six pines on the west side of the parking lot to allow for snow storage. They also asked for a plan to be emailed to the Town so they can review the changes.

Kate made motion to accept the plan with the suggested changes and an emailed, revised plan; Jarrod seconded; all in favor 4-0.

4. 2955 MAIN STREET - Shops on Main Phase II - discussion on street trees, follow-up to December Meeting - construction of a 10,766 square foot building - Wayne Violette, Landscape Architect – Attorney Meghan Hope - Shops on Main, LLC, applicant

Mike from Bartlett Tree Service spoke about the work that will take place around the two trees we had asked to be protected; he explained that the southernmost tree should be removed because of the amount of digging and the damage to the root zone. The northernmost tree will

also have work around it but with a proper pre- and post-construction maintenance schedule the tree should be fine.

With the one tree lost the Committee suggested to Wayne Violette, the Landscape Architect, adding two additional 2.5-3 inch caliper trees as replacement.

Jarrold made a motion to accept the plan, keeping the northernmost tree, removing the southern tree, adding two new trees, and adding a maintenance plan. Kate seconded; all in favor 4-0.

5. 1199 HEBRON AVENUE - conversion of existing church to day care – Jim Dutton, Dutton Associates, LLC – John Magnoli, D’Angelo Building Company for the applicant, Educational Playcare

Jim Dutton introduced the project to the Committee and Allen (the landscaper) walked through the plant selections; not much on the plan, keeping it in line with the other building on the property landscape scheme.

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

6. 402 HEBRON AVENUE & 18-34 SYCAMORE STREET – conditions of approval follow-up for a 19,847 square foot mixed use (office/retail/restaurant) building and associated parking - Town Center & Residence A Zones – Landscape Architect John Alexopoulos - Evan Schwartz & Beth Pancavage, Schwartz Realty, applicants

Mr. Schwartz explained the two minor changes that TPZ had made to the plan; change the locust trees in the middle of the parking lot strip to Autumn Blaze Maples due to the potential water they will get in this area; and rearrange a small area of plantings along the front side of the building to allow a small concrete walkway to be installed to gain access to a proposed patio.

Della made motion to accept the plan per the TPZ changes. Bob seconded; all in favor 4-0.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A new member has been appointed to the Committee, replacing Mark Babineau: Leslie Ohta. Bob is going to reach out to her and explain how we operate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarrold Sansoucy