

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

**1. Roll Call**

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

Excused: Leslie Ohta

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2019**

Kate moved to accept the minutes. Della seconded; all in favor 4-0, with Linda & Debra abstaining.

**3. 75 GLASTONBURY BOULEVARD – 4-story, 131 room hotel and associated improvements – Planned Area Development (Somerset Square) – Attorneys Peter Alter & Meghan Hope – Leslie Fanger, RLA – Jeff Bord, P.E. Bohler Engineering – 75 Glastonbury Land, LLC, applicant**

Debra was concerned about boxwoods being used across the front of the building with the issues of boxwood blight (disease) and wanted the applicant to look into an alternative, like Ilex little gem or something similar.

Numerous Committee members re-asserted that less is more when it comes to the amount of plants and plant varieties. For this plan, they wanted less plants in the parking lot islands; simplifying and using a ground cover juniper for easier maintenance and snow storage space. The Committee also wanted to change the white ash proposed on the plan due to the emerald ash borer and all the issues they can have. They recommended London Plain trees 'blood good' or 'exclamation'.

Greg made note that the plan should have the tree protection schedule listed on it because construction will be in the root zone of many mature trees along the street.

Jarrold made motion to approve the plan as drawn with listed changes. Linda seconded; all in favor 6-0.

A town resident did ask two questions about the water storage system from rain water runoff and tree sizes; both questions were answered by the Engineer Jeff Bord and Attorney Hope.

**4. 108 SEQUIN DRIVE - 1-story, 7,500 square foot commercial building (office and warehouse use) - Planned Commerce Zone – Attorney Meghan Hope – Thomas Graceffa, A.S.L.A., P.L.A. – Fritz Property Management, LLC, applicant**

Tom Graceffa presented the plan to the Committee, explaining the meadow and all the plantings around the building.

Kate questioned the plan to remove the invasive plants that might be growing on the lot currently. Tom felt the excavation process should take care of that and that he did not see many if any growing at this time.

Much discussion was held about the meadow that is going to be created across the back of the building; Committee members were excited about it.

Kate made a motion to accept the plan as presented with no changes. Debra seconded; all in favor 6-0.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jarrod Sansoucy*