

**Town of Glastonbury
Community Beautification Committee
Special Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

1. Roll Call

Present: Robert Shipman, Chairman
Della Winans, Vice Chairman
Jarrod Sansoucy, Secretary
Linda DeGross
Debra DeVries-Dalton
Candice Mark

Absent: Kate Morgan

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 8, 2020

Candice motioned to approve the minutes. Bob seconded; Linda abstained; motion approved 5-0-1.

3. 109-117 NEW LONDON TURNPIKE - additional review of proposal for new 1-story, 3,511± square foot Chase Bank – 109-117 New London Turnpike -Attorney Meghan A. Hope – Jeff Bord & Leslie Fanger, Bohler Engineering

The Committee had asked the landscape architect to return with changes the Committee had suggested; members felt she listened and did what was wanted. Candice and Jarrod had one minor change to the hedge along the west sidewalk - remove the curved hedge row to simplify the area. A rough sketch was provided and all members agreed.

Jarrold made motion to accept the plan with the one last minor change of the sketched area; Candice seconded; motion approved 6-0. It was asked that once the final changes are made that the members be emailed the final plan.

4. 280 WESTERN BOULEVARD – review of proposal for 2 new one-story medical office buildings totaling 29,000 ± square feet - 280 Western Boulevard – Phil Doyle LADA PC, Land Planners

Phil Doyle presented the plan.

Jarrold asked if the white pines could be changed to trees which would be better long term. Suggestions were made: Vanderwolf pine, fern spray cypress, umbrella pine, Serbian spruce.

Jarrold commented on the amount of plants around the buildings - almost 800 grasses being used. Can that be cut back?

Bob was concerned that sweetgum are a messy tree with fruit and that they could cause a trip and fall issue in their proposed location. He suggested keeping the trees on the plan and property but relocate them to a new spot and find a different tree for areas around the parking lot.

Bob suggested using Bloodgood Sycamore rather than *Platanus occidentalis* as was on the plan as this is a hardier variety. Greg suggested even an improvement over the Bloodgood called "Exclamation".

Candice suggested using some oxydendrun near the wetlands and maybe adding some witch hazels or lintera.

Debra was concerned about the dogwood variety to be used; an explanation was given.

Greg asked that the plan have a maintenance section put on it with the large retention pond drawn on the plan. This area, and the planting of natives, was well planned and he would want that area to be maintained properly and turn in to a huge area of invasive weeds in the near future.

Bob motioned to accept the plan with Committees' suggestions incorporated. Debra seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarrod Sansoucy