

**Town of Glastonbury
Community Beautification Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

1. Roll Call

Present: Robert Shipman, Chairman
Jarrod Sansoucy, Secretary
Debra DeVries-Dalton
Jody Kretzmer
Candice Mark
Kate Morgan

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm.

The Committee welcomed new member Jody Kretzmer.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 1, 2020

One correction: Debra was not absent; she was unable to link in to the meeting but was able to listen in.

Debra made motion to accept with the minutes with the correction; Candice seconded, all in favor 5-0-1, with Jody abstaining.

3. 2577 MAIN STREET & Lot-W-38A Main Street – landscaping modifications associated with a proposed parking lot expansion of 119 additional parking spaces (Phase I) at Saints Isidore and Maria Parish (Saint Paul Church)

Attorney Meghan Hope presented the project and plans along with some pictures and history of the site.

Eric Davidson presented the landscape plan, explaining that all the plants are native, good for wetland sites, and will help restore the area.

Jody questioned if there is a maintenance plan for the maple trees proposed for the parking lot islands. He has noticed at other commercial sites many of the island trees struggle, die and never get replaced. He was told there is a plan and the Committee feels that since this is a private project that the owners will have pride in the landscape and will keep them in good health. Jody felt that maples are a good selection, hardy and native to the area. Bob agreed with the tree selection on the plan.

There were questions about the rain water runoff and the rain garden, which Eric and Meghan answered, alleviating the Committee's concerns.

Bob suggested adding a curb or parking bumpers on parking spaces around the rain garden so cars do not drive into it.

Kate questioned using permeable pavement; it was discussed that the rain garden will be a better option.

Jarrod made motion to accept the plan as presented; Kate seconded, all in favor 6-0.

4. 2021 Meeting Schedule

Candice made motion to accept the schedule; Debra seconded, all in favor 6-0.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Della has officially sent in a letter of resignation so the Committee has a vacancy. Members thanked her for her numerous years on the committee and all that was learned from her; she will be missed.

Kate and Debra both commented on the Hartford Baking Company building owned by Dr. Schwartz on the corner of Hebron Avenue and Sycamore Street. It appears bushes were added, making the landscaping look fuller. Others agreed and felt the site looks better than it did 6 months ago.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarrod Sansoucy