

**Town of Glastonbury
Community Beautification Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Jody Kretzmer

The meeting commenced at 7:10pm.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2021

Candice MOVED to accept the minutes; Debra seconded; all in favor with one minor change: The name of the grass suggested for Dairy Queen is purple love grass or little blue stem and not switch grass.

3. 107 EASTERN BOULEVARD – redevelopment of property to include parking lot expansion, a stormwater management system, site lighting and landscaping – Engineer Matthew Bruton and Architect Barbra Joslin, BL Companies – WE Acquisitions LLC, applicant

Wayne Violette and Lauren Wholey of BL Companies presented the plan.

Candice expressed concern about the potential vans in the parking lot and feel the proposal needs more screening.

Jarrold suggested adding more evergreens along National Drive and Eastern Boulevard to help screen the vans and the other trucks; maybe 5 to -6 foot spruce or similar. He also thinks the Ilex Glabra should be switched out for something stronger like Taxus densiformis.

Candice said they should add a few island gardens to help soften and hide the vans; and group some natives such as viburnum or similar. She added they should look at the flag pole area as it seems to have a few random gold thread cypress and this area could use some sprucing up with new plants.

Some tree changes suggested to the plan: Zelkova along the north side parking lot. Debra suggested Hornbeam, or even Ginko, Greg suggested Alcolade Elm.

Bob asked about irrigation plans for the property; none are in the works but Wayne will bring it up to the owner.

Kate is overwhelmed with the amount of asphalt on the plan with such few plantings, and agrees with other committee members about the need to add more trees.

Greg questioned the permeable paving idea for the lesser used parking area along the north side. Greg also put out the idea of a pollinator pathway along the north side of the property; Wayne will bring this suggestion as well to the attention of the owner.

No motion was made at this time. The committee feels, with the amount of suggested changes, the item should return with a revised plan to the next meeting.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICER

Candice was nominated by Kate to fill the Vice Chair position; Debra seconded, all in favor 5-0. Jarrod moved to keep all positions as is with the new approval of Candice as Vice Chair, all in favor 5-0.

5. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

After visiting the site, Candice questioned the information given by last month's applicant, Dairy Queen. The owner wanted to keep the north foundation plants as he said they seemed to be in good condition and would just need to be pruned; Candice felt the plants are in worse condition than the applicant led the committee to believe. The committee opted to make a note in the minutes as they had already approved the project.

A letter was drafted and sent to the committee by Candice and Jarrod (see attached). It was discussed and the committee members agreed that:

- Bullet points 1&2 have been addressed internally
- Bullet point 3 will be decided on a per meeting basis
- Bullet point 4 Yes we can always ask any applicant to come back
- Bullet point 5 & 6 more discussion will be needed possibly with Jonathan Mullen

The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jarrold Sansoucy