

**Town of Glastonbury  
Community Beautification Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

*The special meeting began at 7:05 pm.*

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Robert Shipman, Chairman;  
Candice Mark, Vice Chair;  
Napali Bridgelall;  
Jody Kretzmer;  
Cate Morgan; and  
Greg Foran, Tree Warden, Parks and Recreation

**2. 840 MAIN STREET – landscaping modifications at the Cotton Hollow Kitchen to allow for permanent outdoor patio dining – Terri Hahn, LADA, P.C., Land Planners – Mark Conley, Cotton Hollow Kitchen, LLC**

Mark Conley, Cotton Hollow Kitchen and Terri Hahn, LADA, P.C. Land Planners were present.

Mr. Conley was seeking approval of the landscaping plans surrounding the proposed dining patio on the south side of Cotton Hollow Kitchen. The patio will be constructed using water permeable pavers, surrounded by an ornamental fence adorned by hanging baskets.

The landscaping plan as described by Terri Hahn expands upon the use of plant material currently in use around the site; e.g. Little Bluestem Grass and Hosta.

Bob Shipman suggested installing 2 additional ornamental trees to further block the diners' view of the dumpster. Mark Conley explained that due to the pandemic he does not have a big budget at this time. Furthermore, there are electrical and gas utilities in the area which complicate the installation of additional plant material.

Jody and Candy expressed concerns related to them by Jarrod, regarding noise levels that South Mill residents might experience. Mark Conley informed the committee that he had over 600 Facebook followers who are in support of this patio and that only occasional music would be provided by strolling musicians. He also noted that last year when he created a "patio" in his parking lot, no complaints were received from South Mill residents.

Jody noted that there are several White Pines planted on the hillside which will be an effective noise barrier as they mature.

A Saw Mill Road resident has complained about parking and there was a general concern expressed about parking in general; should the patio enable more guests at the restaurant? Mark explained that he has employees park in other areas where he has rented spaces. The patio can accommodate 40 guests and seating inside will be removed when the patio is in use, thus ensuring there will be no increase in parking requirements.

Napali commented that the patio will appeal to younger residents.

Cate expressed an interest in more trees near the dumpster. Jody noted he like the Cercis (Redbud) between the patio and the dumpster and commented the Arborvitaes are a good buffer between the dumpster and the patio patrons. Jody noted that he felt the plan was simple and elegant.

Mark commented that he has been in the restaurant business for many years and has never had problems with dumpster complaints and feels confident everything will be okay.

With no further discussion Jody moved to approve the plan as presented. Candy seconded the motion, and the proposal was accepted unanimously.

Candy moved to adjourn the meeting and Jody seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by all.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Mark