

**Town of Glastonbury  
Community Beautification Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Robert Shipman, Chairman  
Della Winans, Vice Chairman  
Linda DeGroff  
Jarrod Sansoucy, Secretary  
Candice Mark  
Kate Morgan

Absent: Debra DeVries-Dalton

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

Kate motioned to approve the minutes. Linda seconded; motion approved 6-0.

**3. 219 ADDISON ROAD – landscaping for 16 new office condominiums within 4 buildings totaling 21,000 square feet – Alan Lamson, FLB Architecture – John Alexopoulos, LA - Jeffrey Sawyer, TruNORTH, Inc., applicant**

Alan Lamson presented the site plan and John Alexopoulos presented the landscape plan. Greg would like to see the white pines removed from the Town's right-of way on the north side of the property and the developer plant something that is more appropriate to enhance the project aesthetics. Greg's fear is that the white pines are coming to the end of their usable life, as they are growing into the road and causing problems with sight lines, road signs and icing of the road. They are also problematic when laden with snow or ice as they are prone to breakage. It will only become a bigger expense to remove if we wait, and may also leave a void in the landscape. The applicant responded that there is the possibility of a bike path being built in that corridor and he is willing to work with the town later on this portion of the property.

On the north property line, along the fence, it was suggested to add Vanderwolf pines or Green Giant arborvitae. The durability of the New Harmony elm tree was questioned. Dr. Alexopoulos responded that he believes this is one of the better elms for DED resistance and for good branching structure.

Jarrod made motion to approve the plan with changes. Kate seconded; motion approved 6-0.

**4. 109-117 NEW LONDON TURNPIKE - Second review (with added green space) 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**

Jarrod brought up the idea of changing the *illex* Shamrock to *Densiformis* yew. The Committee agreed less is more, and that the site is very heavily planted. Linda suggested more groupings and a more natural hedge along New London Turnpike; maybe more groupings instead of a full hedgerow. Candice agreed.

The Committee did not vote; they asked that the proposal return with suggested changes.

**5. 2756 MAIN STREET – Landscaping for the proposal to reconstruct the Sparkle Car Wash – Attorney Meghan A. Hope - Tom Graceffa, Landscape Architect**

Meg Hope and Tom Graceffa represented the Judson family, applicants and owners of the car wash.

Jarrold and Candice were concerned with the amount of plantings – over 800 plants, and everyone again agreed, less is more. It was suggested less-to-no daylilies. Bob noted that the amount of ginkgo trees near the vacuums should be reduced.

It is proposed to have 6 maples along the south side are on Town property (Salmon Brook Park); two of the six restrict town access. It was suggested that four on the east side be changed to a small, flowering tree; *malus gladiator* or Kousa dogwoods.

Chris Judson called in and agreed with reducing the amount of plantings. Kate suggested getting signs to explain what the water garden is.

Candice moved to accept the plan as shown with review of the landscape architect and owner to reduce the amount of plantings. Della seconded; motion approved 6-0.

**6. 119 GRISWOLD STREET – Landscaping for proposal to renovate the existing barn building into an office lease location with meeting space and a coffee counter- Attorney Meghan A. Hope – Jim Kasks, Project Manager**

Jim Kask and Meg Hope presented the plan. It was suggested changing the white pines on the north side to a mix of hemlock, spruce, cypress and Vanderwolf pine; Candice suggested adding a maple to that area for more texture. It was suggested reducing the amount of Russian cypress (17) by ½, as they grow large.

Candice moved to accept the plan. Linda seconded, Jarrold recused himself, and the motion was approved 5-0.

**7. 530 NEW LONDON TURNPIKE – Landscaping proposal for change of use from office to hair salon with newly reconfigured parking lot (proposing two Japanese Maples on Northeast Corner of Parking lot) – Mark Friend, Megson, Heagle & Friend, C.E. & L.S., LLC**

Meg Hope presented the plan. The Committee suggested flowering trees instead. Mark Friend had spoken to the owner, and the owner likes red Japanese maples better.

Della made motion to approve the plan. Candice seconded; motion approved 6-0.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Members discussed meeting in person at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jarrold Sansoucy*