

**Town of Glastonbury
Community Beautification Committee
Amended Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

1. Roll Call

Present: Robert Shipman, Chairman Excused: Jarrod Sansoucy, Secretary
Candice Mark, Vice Chair
Debra DeVries-Dalton
Jody Kretzmer
Kate Morgan
Greg Foran, Tree Warden & Park Superintendent

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2021

Jody MOVED to ACCEPT the minutes; Kate SECONDED; minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

3. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Debra MOVED to accept the meeting schedule as presented; Jody SECONDED; meeting schedule unanimously accepted as presented.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Kate noted that the CBC is down one democrat representative and reported that she has approached the Democratic Town Committee regarding this vacancy. As of this date she has not heard any recommendations for a suitable candidate. Kate will approach the Democratic Town Committee again to remind them of the need for another representative.

Bob reported that he had updates regarding projects reviewed in the past. First was in regard to the proposed housing project at [2610] Main Street, across from Katz Hardware. The developer has agreed to preserve the original house. An addition will be added to the original house, bringing the number of units in the main house to 5. Furthermore, a second 5-unit structure will be constructed behind the house, bringing the total number of units to 10. There is no information yet as to the style of the second building, but it is hoped it will look like a barn or carriage house.

Second, Bob informed us that the State Historic Preservation Office of the CT Department of Economic & Community Development had surveyed the buildings on Main Street which a Greenwich developer has proposed demolishing to establish a large retail and residential complex. The buildings involved include the buildings starting at 2277 Main Street through 2389 Main Street (south to north). The Historic Preservation Office found that this block of buildings had been previously surveyed and recommended for inclusion in the Historic Preservation Register but somehow was dropped. While the buildings will once again be put on the Historic Preservation Register, the developer has the right to contest the ruling. It is unclear at this time what will happen.

Third, Bob told members the Town Council has created a Town Center Village District [Overlay Zone] (TCVD) which provides a greater opportunity to influence the character of future development in the designated area. A new advisory committee entitled the "Architectural Site Design and Review Committee (ASDRC)" will be established and volunteers are being sought to fill the positions. The following passage is a quote from the Town website describing the makeup of the committee:

“Per state statute and the regulation, members of the ASDRC shall include at least 2 architects, one landscape architect, and one professional planner/urban designer. Other members shall have background, experience, and education in art, historic preservation, or similar areas specifically related to the role of the Committee.”

[The TCVD regulation can be found on the Town’s website, which further outlines the TCVD and ASDRC responsibilities.] A lively discussion followed this announcement as it has become apparent that the CBC is interested in preserving the historical elements in the center of town and with its input has influenced the outcome of various projects in town. Debra recommended reviewing Glastonbury’s [2018-2028] Plan of [Conservation and] Development (available at Town Hall for Committee members free of charge).

Finally the committee agreed to continue this discussion and determine what steps we need to take to move our concerns regarding preservation and landscaping projects.

Jody MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting. Kate SECONDED the motion, all APPROVED and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Mark