

**Town of Glastonbury
Community Beautification Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Debra DeVries-Dalton

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2021

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

3. 240 OAKWOOD DRIVE - installation of a construction yard with material processing, stockpile areas and equipment storage – Planned Commerce Zone and Groundwater Protection Zone 1 – Jim Dutton, Dutton Associates – Attorney Meghan Hope – 240 Oakwood, LLC, applicant/owner

Attorney Meghan Hope presented the plan. Jody commented that the plan looked great. He questioned the storm drains: Do they drain to the river or the water treatment plant? His concern was contamination. Candice was concerned about the amount of arborvitae, as there are lots of deer in the area. Jarrod was concerned about finding the 'Techny' arborvitae, and wondered if red cedars could be mixed in.

Jody was concerned about the back slope after the grade is changed along the east of the property. Meg said they plan on planting white pine seedlings on the untouched land. Bob suggested mixing in some hemlock and spruce along with the white pine so as not to create a monoculture. He added Mountain Laurel, shadblow or dogwood, one gallon sizes. Kate suggested swapping out some maples with some native oak trees and stagger them instead of planting them in a straight line.

Candice MOVED to APPROVE the plan as amended, Jody SECONDED, all in favor.

4. 2756 MAIN STREET – re-construction of existing car wash, Attorney Meghan Hope – Jim Dutton, Dutton Associates, LLC – TCWC Holdings Glastonbury, LLC, applicant

Attorney Meghan Hope presented the plan. Landscape Architect Ken LaForge was also present.

Candice said the plan has a lot of plants: 22 trees, 172 shrubs, 427 perennials and grasses and a lot of daylilies. Red twig dogwoods turn to unattractive gray twigs as they age. Spirea become trash collectors. She suggested smaller clusters and no leaf catchers like the spirea and potentilla. She also suggested adding a nature area along the brook; changing lindera to witch hazel; changing cornus alba to viburnum/clethra; and pushing the physocarpus along the northern boundary further from the curb so they can grow to naturally form. Less, less, less plants.

Bob agreed, saying the plan should be simpler and therefore easier to maintain. Candice spoke again, suggesting stone mulch, leucothoe 'Squirt' or Rhododendron PJM 'Amy Cotta'.

Jody also agreed that the proposal is over-planted. He suggested changing access for the Town to maintain the town-owned land in back of the carwash. Regarding snow pile areas, Jody felt when the landscape architect pulls back some plant quantities, space will open up. He added the Conservation Commission also noted this.

Kate loved the buttonbush and the Nyssa in the plan.

The Committee decided they would like to re-visit the plan at a special meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon before they vote on it.

Maureen Bojko and Peter Meyer of 50 Crossroads Lane are concerned that the Town should make sure and be the driver and “decider” on what happens within the Recreation Easement on the carwash property. Greg assured them that the Town is aware of the easement and that he would also convey their concern to other staff who sit ex-officio with Boards and Committees.

5. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

Jody MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting. Kate SECONDED the motion, all APPROVED and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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