MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025, AT 8:30 AM,

84 SOUTH MAIN ST, CHESHIRE, CT 06410

Present: William Bonaminio, Patricia Archibald, Maria Colacrai, Susan Dillman, Cindy Braga, Joanna Giddings¸ Jessica Fischer, Jessica Feustel, Eliabeth Morin

Absent:, Don Walsh

Staff/Guests: John Bajor (Minutes Clerk), Andrew Martelli (Assistant Town Manager), Mark Buzzelli (Adco Signs/Verizon)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

1. **ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The roll was taken by John Bajor and the pledge was recited.

2. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was determined and all members and guests seated.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were several corrections to the previous minutes
A. Jessica Feustel and Elizabeth Morin were present, not absent, remove the 8:45 arrival

B. Under Bartlem Park Landscaping; remove "weed killer used not to bee toxic to individuals" and replace with "weed killer used should be understood of benefits vs risks"

C. Under Maintenance of Commercial properties; "Hold on sending letters until blight ordinance updated"

D, Under Watering Contract Discussion; remove phrase "Just recently ended", typo that 'drana" be replaced with "drain", remove last 2 sentences starting with "As for now….." and replace with "For example, hire a part-time gardener".

E, Under Semi Quincentennial Celebration; typo that 'tome" be replaced with 'time". Add "Accents to be determined for Red/Blue/White colors"

MOTION by Eliabeth Morin to approve the corrected prior meeting minutes
SECONDED by Susan Dillman, with motion passing unanimously by those present.

4. COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no communications shared

5. SIGN PERMIT REVIEW/SITE PLAN REVIEW

A. Verizon: Although not on the agenda, Andrew Martelli suggested Mark Buzzelli representing ADCO/Verizon signs be included and discussed.

MOTION by Patricia Archibald to allow change in agenda
SECONDED by Joanna Giddings with motion passing unanimously by those present.

Three signs well within the size guidelines are requested for the Verizon store

MOTION by Susan Dillman to adapt signage requests
SECONDED by Cindy Braga with motion passing unanimously by those present.

B. Chase Bank: The representative for Chase was not in attendance at the meeting; therefore, Andrew Martelli presented the request of 3 signs well within the maximum guidelines in the South East Corner of Shops at Stone Ridge.

MOTION by Joanna Giddings to adapt signage requests
SECONDED by Patricia Archibald with motion passing unanimously by those present.

C. Dattco/Sign Pro: This was an update on a previously approved request. The sign listing the shops at 1187 Highland Avenue will be all Black and White and the Red color will be removed. No motion to approve color changes is necessary.

6. BUSINESS

A. Review and Action Plan for 2026 Meeting Schedule: The 2026 schedule is being generated and will be shared as soon as finalized. The next meeting will be on January 7, 2026.

B. **Site Plan Review Homewood Suites by Hilton Stone Bridge Crossing:** Current plan details 117 rooms and restaurant. There is a need for more foliage diversity as there is plenty of room for shade trees and bushes. For example: 90 Shrubs, 46 Rhododendrons, 57 Hostas, 364 Creeping Lilly. With regard to shade trees, sugar maples may be vulnerable to Winter snow treatments and other types of shade trees should be considered.

C. **Bartlem Park Landscaping:** Lights have been connected between poles to create an atmospheric lighting condition

Water Contract Discussion, Semi-quincentennial Celebration Discussion and Staff Report
Tabled until next meeting.

MOTION by Jessica Fischer to table the above items until next meeting
SECONDED by Susan Dillman with motion passing unanimously by those present.

Adjournment of Meeting:

MOTION by Susan Dillman to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 AM
SECONDED by Jessica Fischer with motion passing unanimously by those present.

Attest: ______________________________
John Bajor, PhD