

TRUMBULL BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES - December 1, 2009

PRESENT: Ken Martin, Bob Marconi; Patricia Pavia; Sharon Altieri; Liz Nugent

ABSENT: Sharon Altieri; Debi Miller; Patricia Wright; Elizabeth Casey

The meeting of the Trumbull Beautification Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by K. Martin. Attendance was noted and a quorum was had. S. Altieri noted that she will take a copy of the Trumbull Beautification Award Brochure and forward it to the Town to be put on the Town's website.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 23, 2009 meeting were discussed. S. Altieri motioned to accept the minutes from the June 23, 2009 meeting. L. Nugent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was passed out. There was an additional \$2,000 received from the Mallet Trust. The balance in the general account is \$4,586.60. There is no change in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Account, which stands at \$2,539.35. P. Pavia motioned to accept the Financial Report as presented; L. Nugent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RAMP UPDATES: P. Pavia indicated that she has called Jim Barnes from the State of CT. many times requesting copies of the completed permits. He has indicated that all the permits the Commission has requested have been granted, however we only have a few fully executed permits. Otherwise, D. Miller has copies of all of the permits which were requested. She suggested that maybe we should send letters to the existing permittees thanking them for their sponsorship and inquire if they want to continue maintaining their spots. If they do, then we can resubmit those permits to try to get all of the locations on the same timeline. These would be the permits that actually came through the Commission.

Discussion continued regarding the Ganim sign, which is in poor condition. It was suggested that maybe a letter go to the state (Jim Barnes) requesting him to contact Ganim regarding his sign and at that time, possibly having that sign corrected to conform with the Commission's newly set standards regarding signage. Mr. Barnes indicated that he is contacting Attorney Spodnick regarding his sign as well.

It was then decided that the permittees would receive the form letter created in our new standards regarding renewal of locations, along with the pledge and pages 3-6 of the guidelines requesting a response as to whether they wish to continue by December 30<sup>th</sup>.

K. Martin also indicated that the sign for Tashua & Rt. 25, which was damaged as a result of an accident, has been reordered. He also indicated that the Trumbull Beautification Commission sign to be installed on White Plains Road, is ordered and will be installed. It was suggested that he follow up to be sure that the sign is placed prior to the winter season.

K. Martin indicated that the area on White Plains Road across from Attorney Spodnick is available and the Higgins Group is interested. They would like to have their sign read "Higgins Group in conjunction

with Gunther Builders". This is very long and it was suggested that he contact them to have them forward to the Commission how they envision the sign to appear (of course, keeping with the standard now set by the Commission as to signage).

K. Martin also indicated that Matt Bittner is interested in the Rt. 25 commuter park area. He works in Trumbull but lives in Monroe. Discussion continued as to whether the locations available be first offered to residents of Trumbull and suggestion was made that the Commission advertise in the Trumbull Times in order to get the word out regarding the availability of the locations. Then, if others are interested, who may work in Town, or other factors to consider, are interested, then those persons would be considered as well.

The area on Madison Avenue/Chestnut Hill, which had been managed by PJ's Garden Exchange, is still available. K. Martin spoke with that establishment and they are not sure if they want to keep the area. It was suggested that the Commission forward them a letter/pledge as well in order to get a commitment and if they are not interested, then we would be able to offer the location to another party.

The island on Unity Road, across from the funeral homes, would also be an area of interest. The location on Frenchtown and Old Town Roads was discussed and how nice that area looks. It has ground cover/red bushes and the white sign for a simple and clean look. That kind of look maybe something to consider for the island on Quality Street by the Town Hall, which the Trumbull Community Women are interested in.

**TOWN MARQUEE:** The marquee is complete and planting should be completed in the spring.

**MARGO TELLALIAN BUTTERFLY GARDEN PLAQUE:** P. Pavia indicated that the dedication of the garden has not taken place. The plaque and the dedication will probably occur during Earth Week, 2010.

**GUARDRAIL PROJECT:** P. Pavia indicated that if the Commission decides to proceed with this project, that we will have to go to the new First Selectman for support. We would need the Parks Department to plant the beach roses behind the guardrails on Rt. 25/111. Discussion continued as to whether this could be the best area for these roses, which are hearty and can grow in difficult planting locations. The idea is to cover the guardrails, and it was decided that the Commission members should take a tour of the location, as well as other locations, in order to decide whether this is a project to pursue and where the plantings should go. This will occur after the holiday season.

**ELECTION OF OFFICER:** P. Pavia motioned that K. Martin continue as Chairman of the Beautification Commission for 2010; L. Nugent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Regarding members and their expiring memberships, P. Wright has resigned from the Commission and needs to contact the First Selectman's office with that notification. Elizabeth Casey, as well, has resigned and needs to contact the Town Hall.

There is a Jenny Francese of 91 Aspen Lane, was appointed 3/19/08 and continues to 12/6/2010, but she has never appeared at a meeting and if anyone knows who this is, please contact her.

Other appointments are as follows:

Liz Nugent	Ends: 12/5/2011
Ken Martin	Ends: 12/7/2009
Sharon Altieri	Ends: 12/7/2009
Bob Marconi	Ends: 12/7/2009
Debi Miller	Ends: 12/3/2010 (?)

Not all of the notification for the members are listed above. It is urged that all members who wish to continue on the commission check their appointment dates and provide that information at the January meeting. The agenda and dates for the 2010 meetings will be provided in a separate mailing.

L. Nugent motioned that the meeting be adjourned. S. Altieri seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Joan Butler, Clerk