

TRUMBULL BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES – March 23, 2010

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

GUEST: Doug Carey, Sabine Bonner, Joan Plouffe

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.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting were discussed. D. Miller motioned that the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting be accepted as presented. P. Pavia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: We have received additional money for the renewal of the ramps. We have received \$100 from Westfield Mall and \$50.00 from the Rotary Club. D. Miller will follow up with Tartaglia's & Vazzy's.

APPOINTMENTS: Doug Carey will have M.B. Thornton take care of the necessary paperwork to have him officially appointed.

GIFT FOR JOAN PLOUFFE: The Commission presented Joan Plouffe with her gift. She liked it very much and spoke to the Commission about her thoughts of making Main Street the "main artery" of the town.

GUARDRAIL PLANTINGS: P. Pavia is still waiting for the final numbers for the Rogossa roses although the price may be up to \$200 plus shipping and handling. D. Carey and K. Martin will plant them as an experiment. Discussion was had as to whether to get the less expensive roses, which are more leggy. L. Nugent motioned that the Commission order Rogossa plants at \$11.00 per plant for K. Martin and to order the Rogossa plants at \$16.95 for D. Carey, unless the same could be purchased at a lower price via wholesale. S. Altieri seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RAMP UPDATE: John Marsilio is the new Parks Commissioner. K. Martin met with him. He is fine with the island update at Unity & Churchill Road. He would like to see the plans for the plantings. K. Martin explained the Beautification Commission process – policy – sponsors, etc. Mr. Marsilio suggested a greenscape approach as they have done in Bridgeport. We indicated that both funds and human power make it difficult in Trumbull. Bridgeport Greenscape has public works coordinator oversee landscape; contracts go out to bid for upkeep of spots.

The Rotary Club sign is down. Deborah Cox will discuss with them. S. Altieri motioned that the Rotary Club be advised that they need to put up a new sign. D. Miller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. K. Martin may write to Mr. Marsilio to see if he would like to come to the next meeting of the Commission. He will also check one more time with P.J. Garden Exchange to see if they want to continue to sponsor their past location.

There has not been a plan design submitted by United Health Care yet. P. Pavia will email them. We may have to do a telephone vote in order to meet the planting cycle deadline.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: D. Miller will notify the Trumbull Times and also have them posted on the Trumbull website. Nominees were 91 Lake Avenue owned by Linda & Keith Galling; J&J Service Center at 5711 Main Street owned by Sam Gangemi.

BLIGHT ORDINANCE: This was discussed. Items mentioned were zoning enforcement and tag sale signs being removed by town workers.

TIDY UP TRUMBULL: L. Nugent spoke with Monica Leggett about Tidy Up Trumbull. The Beautification Commission will take on the lot at White Plains Road to pick up trash.

MEMBERSHIP: Sabine Bonner would like to be on the Commission. Her nomination is pending verification of voter requirements. D. Miller motioned that Sabine Bonner be appointed to the Commission if voter registration is not needed. L. Nugent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETING: It was suggested that the April meeting of the Commission be changed to April 20th. That will be confirmed and reflected on the upcoming Agenda.

K. Martin can no longer be on the Trumbull Beautification Commission. L. Nugent motioned that the Commission accept K. Martin's resignation from the Commission. S. Altieri seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. L. Nugent nominated D. Miller as the new Chairperson for the Trumbull Beautification Commission. P. Pavia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. K. Martin will be an ad hoc member of the Commission.

DAYLILY/DAFFODIL GIVEAWAY: Discussion was had as to whether the Commission wanted to entertain holding a daffodil giveaway. If this is scheduled, it would be held in the fall. It was unanimously agreed that bulbs should be given to the ramp sponsors in appreciation of their participation in the ramp beautification program. It was decided too that if held, we would hold it at the Town Hall and/or in the gazebo.

P. Pavia motioned that the meeting be adjourned. S. Altieri seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Butler, Clerk