

TRUMBULL BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES - February 24, 2010

PRESENT: Sharon Altieri, Ken Martin, Patricia Pavia, Debi Miller

ABSENT: Liz Nugent, Bob Marconi

GUEST: Doug Carey

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. Doug Carey was in attendance as he is interested in joining the Commission.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting were discussed. P. Pavia motioned that the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting be accepted as presented. S. Altieri seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was reviewed. There is presently \$2,539 in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial account and \$6,186.60 in the general account.

DAYLILY/DAFFODIL GIVEAWAY: Discussion was had as to whether the Commission wanted to entertain holding a daffodil giveaway. If this were 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.

After continued discussion, it was agreed that we would entertain having the giveaway and would schedule it for October 2, 2010. K. Martin will reserve either the Town Hall or the gazebo for the event. P. Pavia will look into the cost of purchasing King Alfred bulbs (because of their size and color splash) as well as the pricing of other bulbs and all will be reviewed at the next meeting. Once the pricing is confirmed, we can decide how many bulbs to purchase.

JOAN PLOUFFE RECOGNITION: D. Miller indicated that Trumbull Community Women are going to plant a tree in recognition of Joan Plouffe's service to the Town now that she has retired. K. Martin and the rest of the Commission agreed that it would be a nice thing to participate in as well. It was suggested that the Commission draft a letter of thanks to her, sharing stories of various times she has assisted in helping us, either collectively or individually. All members are asked to email K. Martin with those stories/information so that he can provide a draft at the March meeting. It was also suggested that in keeping with the daffodil theme, we may want to provide her with a daffodil planting and present that along with the letter to her, maybe even having the event covered by the Trumbull Times. D. Miller motioned that the Commission set aside an amount not to exceed \$200.00 to be utilized in the purchase of the plantings for Joan Plouffe's recognition gift. P. Pavia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GUARDRAIL PLANTINGS: The Commission discussed whether this project should continue to be pursued. D. Carey volunteered to try the Rosa Ragossa plants behind the guardrail on his property to see if they take and how they would look. K. Martin then agreed to try the roses

by a guardrail on his property as well. D. Miller motioned that the Commission allocate up to \$150.00 to purchase 14 Rosa Ragossa rose plants. P. Pavia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: K. Martin nominated property owned by Daniel Riccio located at 2068 Huntington Turnpike as the home has been completely renovated. D. Miller will process the award and provide it to the First Selectman's office for execution and mailing.

RAMP UPDATE: K. Martin indicated that he has received the renewal and fee from the Rotary Club for their ramp on Strobel Road. This location needs a new sign and Deborah Cox is working with them on that. OCE renewed for their location, but the Commission waived their fee as they had so much damage and endured many problems with their site. Long Hill Tree Service/Warren Jacques renewed both his locations, but will only be charged for one renewal fee as he just recently obtained the second location. Both pledges and the check will be sent in. Tarantino's Landscaping indicated they did not receive the renewal form, but indicated they do want to renew. D. Miller will fax the renewal to them and they will send that in with the fee.

K. Martin has not yet received the renewals from the Trumbull Marriott; Westfield Mall and Vazzy's. He did meet with the representatives of UHC for the Route 25/111 site. The second meeting included the landscaper, who indicated he would be providing a landscape design to UHC for their review in the near future. Coldwell Banker may also be interested in this site, but UHC seems to want to go forward with the location.

The application information was left at P.J.'s Garden Exchange. The owner was not there and K. Martin will follow up. It was agreed that we should give them a limited time within which to respond and if they do not act positively, to move on and not hold the location for them any longer.

Plasko Farm is presently closed until March, but a package will be presented to them in hopes that they may want to participate in this program. Matt Bittner, a local landscaper, is also interested in the area south from White Plains Road onto Rt. 25 or the area which may be considered by Plasko Farms.

K. Martin has copies of the signed permits received from the State. The permits for both areas on the Rt. 25/111 area, which were originally submitted for signature in April of 2009 were not in this package. P. Pavia will follow up with the State to find out where they are. Also discussed was whether the area of Exit 47N, which is available, may be a location for the Commission to consider adopting.

D. Miller indicated that Trumbull Community Women have voted to adopt the small island on Quality Street. The Town had indicated that they would remove the blacktop from this location so that the location could be planted. K. Martin will follow up with the First Selectman's office to be sure this can still be accomplished.

D. Miller also indicated that she has prepared the balance of the renewal letters for locations that expire in April. These will be held until next month so that we can hopefully have all of the information for every ramp and then they will be sent out.

REAPPOINTMENTS: Some of the members indicated that they received their letters from the Town Hall and will follow up with their re-appointments. Doug Carey indicated that he would be interested in being appointed to the Commission. K. Martin will follow up with the appropriate parties to request that he be appointed. P. Pavia motioned that the Commission recommend Doug Carey to be appointed as a member of the Commission. D. Miller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

K. Martin indicated that he has been appointed to the Parks Commission and as such, cannot sit on two commissions. He would like to sit on the Parks Commission but wants to be sure that the projects started with this Commission are in order before he leaves. He anticipates joining the Parks Commission in April. Therefore, the Commission will need to consider whom they wish to nominate as Chairman at the next meeting.

The Blight Ordinance was discussed and whether the Commission should suggest that language be added to it regarding the placement of signs throughout the Town, specifically on poles and sponsored locations. It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

D. Miller motioned that the meeting be adjourned. P. Pavia seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Joan Butler, Clerk