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SEYMOUR — The front of Town Hall is in the midst of a springtime makeover, thanks to donations from several local businesses.

First Selectman Kurt Miller recently reached out to businesses about helping improve the landscaping in front of the historic building at 1 First St. Several business owners answered Miller’s call, and since early April began sprucing up the area.

While the project is still a work in progress, Miller said it should be complete in time “to properly welcome spring.”

Businesses owner Aris Stalis of Aris Land Studio, a landscape architecture firm in Bridgeport, which designed the landscaping for the new Chatfield-LoPresti School, lent his expertise to Town Hall’s facade.

Miller said Stalis donated a “unique design that highlights the beauty of the building.”

Stalis said the design incorporates plants native to Connecticut and, as a result, benefits the local ecosystem. He chose plants that not only change color through the seasons, but also ones that require very little maintenance.

The plants, Stalis said, also won’t require herbicides or pesticides, which won’t pose problems with water runoff pollution. Some dead trees and shrubs were removed, and new sod was laid to create a lush, green carpet of lawn.

Stalis said it helps show “little things contribute in a big way.”

A host of other local entrepreneurs and contractors also pitched in time and materials to make the makeover happen.

Ted Holly and the crew at Ted’s Lawn Care LLC removed old plantings and implemented the new design. Chris Falcioni, of Falcioni Painting, pressure-washed the entire building. Gezim Zuncja of Alberto’s Restaurant & Pizzeria helped subsidize the labor costs. And Don DonFrancesco of A & J Irrigation, and Brian Tylinski of MJ Daly Plumbing, installed a new irrigation system that will keep the plants healthy without wasting water, according to Miller. [Continued...](#)

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