

Litchfield Beautification Commission

May 25, 2018 2:00 PM

Litchfield Community Center

In attendance: Anna Heys, Betty Eisenhaure, Ruth Erickson and Sue Kennedy (new member, awaiting selectman approval), Cindy Swope

Absent: Margy Minor and Annie Borzilleri,
Minutes from Jan. 26, 2018 were read and approved.
The meeting for March 23, 2018 had been cancelled.

Balance of funds in Jeanne FitzGerald's memorial fund
and the Commission's Budget were unknown. Anna was not able to
contact Stacy Dionne prior to the meeting.

On May 20, Paul Adams weeded the islands, applied Preen and
mulched, as well as cleaned the curbs. Anna had selected the type
and color of mulch. Paul was not charging for the labor. An invoice
has not been received.

Cindy and Anna put up flags on the islands for Memorial Day weekend.
It was noted that some of the grasses on the islands did not look good.
Anna will call Chas Jesperson, to see if he would replant, hopefully at
no charge. Pansies planted the end of March at the Town Hall were
being replaced by summer plants immediately after the meeting.

Jonathan Wilson of Litchfield Main Street Initiative Committee is
looking for a place to put donations for hanging baskets and other
beautification projects. The Litchfield Garden Club will not accept.
Jeanne's fund was discussed as a good place to put those moneys,
since it is an independent continuing fund that is not cleared at the
end of a fiscal year.

John Acerbi billed the Beautification Commission \$500 for twelve new
hanging baskets. These baskets are larger than previous baskets and will
contain a mixture of flowers. Baskets will be reused in the future. New

brackets have been hung on the lampposts. Father Tucker's parish will continue to water.

Anna was approached by Jane Hinkle of the Litchfield Garden Club to do the planters at the information booth. It was undecided if the Commission wanted to take that on.

Possible new projects were discussed. A bulb planting project in the fall was discussed with bulbs being donated by Van Engelen. Bulbs would be given to residents to plant, similar to when the Commission gave out spruces to be planted.

Sue suggested planting around the monuments on the green. While everyone thought this was a good idea, maintenance needs to be considered and will be discussed at future meetings.

Meeting was adjourned and members went to town hall to plant the planters.