Minutes from the Jan. 31, 2020 meeting were read and approved.  
(Meetings for March and May had been canceled due to COVID-19)

Balance of funds in Jeanne FitzGerald's memorial $306.48

The Beautification Commission spent $122.74 for the plantings at Town Hall’s historical marker. Carolyn King did the design, purchased the plants and did the planting. Cindy will send her a thank you note.

Jane and Cindy are watering the new plantings to get them established.

Hyacinth bulbs that were around the sign were relocated to the traffic islands.

Cindy suggested new plantings for the flagpole as a similar project for next Spring. The area is currently overgrown with generic hostas and lilies.

Anna purchased plants and soil for this summer’s container plantings at Town Hall for $64.18.

It was agreed to repeat planting forced daffodils in the containers for next spring. Anna will contact Marie Kennedy to see if she would be willing to donate again.

Daffodil bulbs removed from this spring’s containers were planted in front of the shrubs at Town Hall.

Anna has repeatedly requested Paul Adams to mulch the islands, but he has not done so. The islands are weedy and soil is now very hard, making it difficult to maintain. Anna is going to call WRW Property Management, who currently does the island north of 202 on North Street for USB, to get an estimate for maintenance of the three traffic islands. Other landscapers may be contacted as well, depending on what amount is quoted by WRW.

Sponsorship of the cost for island maintenance was also discussed, with possibility of asking the Garden Club and local businesses if they would like to contribute.

Safety issues of maintaining the islands by Commission members were again discussed. Julith suggested that the constable, Pete Russo, might be willing to
direct traffic during scheduled maintenance if the Commissions members were to continue to do the work.

Also, Anna is going to check with Naomi Boccio of Public Works about the liability insurance required for contractors.

Jane reported on her findings on traffic islands in both Watertown and Sharon. She spent hours talking to various people from both the public and private sectors and received much conflicting information over who does what and who pays for it, not unlike Litchfield. The main conclusion is that it takes a lot of time, water and money to keep traffic islands looking good.

Jane shared a draft of the Litchfield Beautification Survey she has developed. It was agreed to move forward with it after running it by Denise. Methods of distribution were discussed. Distributing it through a mailing, either print or by email or through LitchfieldBZ were discussed.

Next meeting is Sept. 25.