

Litchfield Beautification Commission
Special Meeting
May 27, 2021
Litchfield Community Center

In attendance: Jane Bailey, Anna Heys, Sue Kennedy, Margy Miner, Julith Sink and Cindy Swope Absent: Ruth Erickson Guest: Danielle Muecke
Minutes from the March 25, 2021 meeting were read and approved.

Balance of funds in Jeanne FitzGerald's memorial \$306.48
Balance of funds in Commission's Budget \$1311.55

Jane explained that as this meeting was rescheduled, so no new business is allowed.

The group will meet at Litchfield Hills Nursery at 9 am on June 4 to select plants for the front of Town Hall and to purchase boxwood to replace two planted last fall.

Anna contacted the state about the traffic islands and was told the town had to apply for a DOT permit to do maintenance. Proof of liability insurance is required. Anna talked to Naomi Boccio in Public Works about this and also asked Paul Adams for a copy of his liability insurance, but he has to date not provided.

Plantings on the island look good with the exception of two pointenella. Pruning them was suggested, in the hopes that they might come back.

Cindy put flags on the islands for Memorial Day and will also put up flags for July 4th, Labor Day and Veteran's day. She also did weeding while there.

Jane talked to John Acerbi about the hanging baskets. He mentioned he was not paid last year for them. There are 20 baskets and he charges \$25 per basket, \$500 Dirk Patterson said that the Borough could not purchase them. Garden Club did not want to purchase. It was decided that Beautification would pay for the baskets. The plants are watered by St. Anthony's. Jane was also going to talk to Father Tucker about the baskets.

Jane and Julith went to a LABA meeting thinking it was only for Litchfield town merchants. Though there were some town merchants in attendance, the organization was much larger, encompassing greater Litchfield. Jane and Julith had the opportunity to introduce themselves as representatives of the Town Beautification Commission and welcomed beautification ideas. They were approached by Colleen Kincade from Parks and Rec about possible recommendations and assistance for plantings at community field. Jane and

anyone else interested from the Commission will meet with Colleen at a later date to see what she has in mind.

Julith researched mission statements for similar organizations, since the current mission statement no longer reflects the Commission's goals. One recommendation was "Beautification Commission strives to encourage, educate and envision a clean, green and beautiful place to live, work and grow." A motto and logo were also discussed in order to gain more community visibility. This topic was deferred to our next meeting in order to have more time for discussion.

Members were asked to submit photos of anything reflecting beauty in the town and Julith would ask LitchfieldBz to publish with the tag, "Moment of Beauty brought to you by the Litchfield Town Beautification Commission."

Julith will stay an alternate member. Danielle is interested in becoming a member and will check with Ann Combs at Town Hall about the procedure.