

Litchfield Beautification Commission  
September 24, 2021, 1 pm  
Bantam Annex

In attendance: Jane Bailey, Sue Kennedy, Carlyle Kloter, Danielle Muecke and Cindy Swope Absent: Anna Heys, Margy Miner, and Julith Sink

Minutes from the July 30, 2021 meeting were read and approved.

Balance of funds in Jeanne FitzGerald's memorial \$306.48  
Balance of funds in Commission's Budget Unable to obtain prior to meeting

Funds spent since last meeting \$42 for 12 mums by Carlyle. (great price!) Mums be been used to decorate Town Hall. Carlyle is also planning more decorating with pumpkins and cornstalks.

Old business updates: Sign in front of Town Hall is complete and Gary Sink was written a thank you note. Faucet at Town Hall still leaking, although not as bad. Raz says that Anne Combs is aware of the rusting problem on the railings and will be worked on it. Traffic patterns plan by state will be monitored.

Danielle received feedback that a Beautification Commission Instagram might be redundant with existing Litchfield Instagrams. She proposed submitting photos to Litchfield BZ highlighting places of beauty. She will ask John McKenna if he is receptive to doing.

Cindy Swope is resigning as Secretary at the end of 2021. There were no volunteers for that position at the meeting. Jane is going to ask Margy. Cindy is also resigning from putting up flags on the islands. Danielle and Sue will take over that immediately.

Dirk Patterson has resigned as Borough Warren. Danielle is going to find out who his replacement is for future collaborative efforts.

Danielle reported that there will be a restaurant week planned around Valentine's Day. Members thought it would be a good idea to do decorating in conjunction with that.

Jane needs to set the meeting schedule for 2022 and ask members to think about what would be the best meeting times and places. Members will discussion at the November meeting.

Jane was approached by Jerry Geci of the Smart Task Force (formerly Recycling Committee) about helping financing of four trash receptacles and four recycling containers for the Green, in addition to a mutt mitt dispenser and doggie waste bins. He had said that they had been approved and members wondered about how it could be approved but without funding. Jerry also mentioned writing a grant for Seherr-Thoss Foundation. Danielle and Jane are going to follow up with Jerry for specifics.

Cindy mentioned that the Beautification Commission had wanted to fund a trash receptacle about five years ago, but were blocked by the Borough because of the aesthetics of the containers and the maintenance issues.

There will be a work party on Saturday Nov. 6 at 8:00, meeting at Town Hall.  
Fall clean-up, mulching and weeding will be done at Town Hall and on the traffic islands.