

Litchfield Town Beautification Commission

Bantam Annex Meeting Room

March 4, 2022

9:00

Present: Jane Bailey, Anna Heys, Susan Kennedy, Margy Miner, Danielle Muecke

Absent: Carlyle Kloter, Cindy Swope

The minutes of January 11 Special Meeting were read and approved By Sue Kennedy and Danielle Muecke with no corrections.

Anna presented the Treasurers report. Jeanne Fitzgerald fund has \$306.48 and our account has \$1130.76 with some bills outstanding. The \$77.16 credit still remains at Litchfield Hills Nursery. Approved by all with no corrections

Jane went over the budget that she submitted to the town for next year. She listed some of our planned projects, some of the maintenance and requested that our budget not be line items in order to allow us the ability to move from one project to another as needed.

We discussed plans for the Islands and flag pole at the Town Hall. It was decided to wait until the snow goes away to reevaluate our intentions.

A project at Community Field was discussed and Danielle will speak with Colleen at the Recreation Department as to what project we could best support them with.

Margy Miner gave an update on the Harriet Beecher Monument on East Green. Updates to continue.

The Trash Receptacle Project on the green was tabled until next month.

Vickie Dauphinais presented a project for the Litchfield Audubon Society. It would involve removing all of the old shrubs in the front of the town hall and replacing them with Native shrubs. These would be bird and ecologically more friendly to our environment. She also explained that they could not put up any money. They would, however, supply help with choosing shrubs and some labor planting and maintaining them. We would need to have all of the old shrubs removed. We suggested that she speak with First Selectman Denise Raap and Raz in Public works to see their thoughts about getting work done and told her that we could put in up to \$400. from our budget. The vote was unanimous. We also suggested that she speak with John Markelon, President of the Litchfield Land Trust and Drew Harlow, Projects Chair of Litchfield Garden Club.

We adjourned at 10:13 Danielle Muecke, seconded by Sue Kennedy