Litchfield Town Beautification Commission Bantam Annex Meeting Room May 6, 2022

Present: Jane Bailey, Anna Heys, Sue Kennedy, Danielle Muecke and Cindy Swope Absent: Carlyle Kloter, Margy Miner Guest: Vickie Dauphinais, Litchfield Audubon Society

Minutes from the March 4, 2022 meeting were read and approved with no corrections

Balance of funds in Jeanne FitzGerald's memorial \$306.48
Balance of funds in Commission's Budget \$1,130.74
Approximately \$25.00 was spent from the credit account at Litchfield Hills Nursery, leaving around \$50.

The members of the Commission expressed sympathy for Carlyle who lost of his husband, Keith, last week.

The Town Hall Bird-Friendly Garden Project was discussed. Denise has approved the project. Members reviewed plans for planting by Caroline King and Vickie shared photos of what the individual plants would look like. Raz is also reviewing the plans with an arborist. Raz indicated that there was leakage around the foundation of Town Hall and bidding for remediation would go out in July with work to be done in August. Plantings would have to be held off until fall after all the foundation work completed. The Commission agreed to pay the Audubon Society for a portion of the plantings with this year's funds.

Jane proposed purchasing a portable watering system. It was decided to borrow one from Sue to determine if it would be useful before purchasing.

Discussion about trash containers was deferred.

Anna will go to Litchfield Hills Nursery to get estimate on cost to replace two dead boxwoods at the rear entrance of Town Hall.

Cindy will remove hostas and daylilies around flagpole.

Danielle is going to confirm with Father Tucker if he is still in agreement for paying for the hanging baskets. There will be a follow up with Litchfield Hills Nursery.

There will be a work party on Thursday May 12, 1:00 that will meet at Litchfield Hills Nursery. Plants will be purchased for the containers and for the islands. In addition, the group will look at the base of the information sign to see if anything can be added there. Also, Community Field will be visited to see if there is a desirable location for a shade tree.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22