

Litchfield Town Beautification Commission

May 5, 2023

Bantam Annex

Present: Jane Bailey, Anna Heys, Cindy Swope, Margy Miner

Absent: Susan Kennedy, Danielle Muecke, Carlyle Kloter

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 and the minutes of the March 3, 2023 were read and approved by all.

Anna gave our treasurers report. Jeanne FitzGerald's fund still has \$306.40 in it. So far this year we have spent \$657.73 leaving a balance of 361.14 to spend before the end of the fiscal year.

As Jane missed the budget meeting, but a budget was submitted, we will have our usual \$1500.00 line item.

Due to the good work of Anna, Jane and Cindy the Road Race committee made a donation to us for \$300.00 for our cleanup assistance. Beth Murphy requested that we continue with the effort and we voted unanimously to only aid with a specific problem when asked.

Jane presented Danielle's report on the ongoing flower baskets and the care of them. After many conversations with the new pastor at St. Anthony's it was determined that they would no longer be supporting that project. John Acerbi said that he was only interested in supplying the baskets if we had good support with the watering and fertilizing. Lara Hillman mentioned Stillwater Gardens. However, their cost was about \$11,000. Per year. After much discussion it was decided to hold off on baskets at this time pending further research.

Jane reported that there has been no movement on the Town Hall/Audubon project. She will try and find out if there were any bids. This means that watering is still a problem.

Our new bibs came in to keep us safe on the islands. Cindy did a clean up for us THANK YOU. Sue will be asked if she will put the flags out on 5/26 for Memorial Day.

Jane and Margy are working on pots for the front of the town hall. They will come from Gardners Supply in Vermont and planting date will concur with their arrival. The front pots will then go to the rear entrance of the town hall.

Our next meeting is July 7, 2023 in the Bantam Annex Meeting Room at 9:00. Adjourned at 10:10.