Litchfield Beautification Commission

Minutes July 28, 2017 2:00pm,

Litchfield Community Center

In attendance: Anna Heys, Betty Eisenhaure, Ruth Erickson

Margy Miner, Cindy Swope

Minutes from the May 19, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Balance of funds from Jeanne Fitzgerald’s memorial $306.48

Balance of funds from Commission’s budget $2000.00

The traffic island in front of Union Savings was discussed. It does not

look as if it is being maintained. Commission members were under the impression the bank was maintaining. Anna will check with USB to see

what is going on.

Since the last meeting, landscaping on the new islands was planted by Jesperson even though the issue of maintenance was not resolved. Originally the Commission was told that landscaping and maintenance bidding could be bundled together, but that was erroneous. Bidding went out for landscaping, with the thought that maintenance could be

arranged at a later date. Raz Alexe told Anna that Leo Paul told him to find the money in his budget to do the maintenance for the remainder of the year. Village Green Maintenance was contracted to maintain the three islands for $485 per month for following three months. Members of the commission agreed that this seemed like an exorbitant amount.

The Commission agreed that they want to meet with Leo Paul as a group to discuss the maintenance of the island after this year and to also determine the role and scope of the Commission. Anna was told that the Commission cannot do anything in the Borough, which is very limiting.

It was also noted that both Anna and Cindy had looked through town records and could not find any charter outlining the Commission’s responsibilities. Ruth suggested that we ask Leo exactly what he would like the Commission to be doing. Additionally, Litchfield’s tricentennial is in two years and the Commission could help prepare for celebrations. Anna will set up a meeting with Leo and all members indicated they wanted to attend. Also, Anna was go to the Borough.

The Commission discussed giving Litchfield Fire Department a donation for watering the plantings on the new island. A $100 donation was agreed upon.

The Commission discussed the hanging baskets in town that were arranged by Father Tucker. It was agreed that next year it would be good to have more.Also, it was discussed that Len Losee had told the Commission last year that the Borough had special attachments for the light poles for baskets, but installing requires the expense removing the tops of the lamps then replacing. The Commission thought that would be something they would be interested in funding.

Anna noted that a letter from Carol and Bill Jones has been published in the Waterbury Republic-American commending the Commission’s work on the new traffic islands.