

Litchfield Beautification Commission

Minutes March 31, 2017 2:00pm,

Home of Anna Heys

In attendance: Anna Heys, Betty Eisenhaure,
Ruth Erickson, Margy Miner, Cindy Swope

Minutes from the Jan. 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

Anna reported that Jeanne FitzGerald's memorial fund had \$16,765.48 in its account. The \$500 donation from the Litchfield Garden club was received. A deduction of \$83.53 was taken from the account for the Waterbury Republican-American. Cindy will contact Stacy to find out what it was for.

Anna discussed state regulations for the islands. Curbs cannot be more than 6" and the total height of islands with the plantings cannot exceed 2 ½'. The memorial plaque must be flush to the ground. Anna plans to go to Ciesco in Torrington to look at plaques. She will let Commission members know when so they can accompany her. Also, Anna will investigate finding someone to maintain the islands.

Earth Day in Litchfield will be celebrated on April 29th. Seventy-five spruce seedlings were ordered from the Northwest Conservation District. They will be picked up by Anna April 22 to be distributed in Litchfield on Earth Day. It was thought best to keep them bundled until distribution, then put them in individual plastic bags. Ruth will make labels with planting instructions and the Beautification Commission name. Distribution will start at 11 a.m. at the post office and last until the seedlings are gone. Baskets will be used to hold seedlings. Doug Parker will be contacted and a poster will be made.

Ruth and Betty will clean out the greens in the planter at Town Hall. An initial planting of pansies was agreed on, with a planting of secondary planting of annuals Memorial Day weekend. Commission member will meet at Litchfield Hills Nursery on May 27 at 10 a.m. A planter for the rear entrance was discussed, but an exact location couldn't be determined because of limited space.

Recycling Commission requested we purchase a recycling container.

It was agreed to do this. Anna will find out where to order. Plantings for the new Stop and Shop were discussed. It would be desirable if native plants could be used.

The following email was received from Victoria Sansing of the Litchfield Garden Club regarding the traffic island:

From: vbs <vbs@isp.com>
To: anna heys <abheys@optonline.net>
Subject: Traffic island

At a recent meeting of the project comm. For the Litchfield G.C., it was unanously vote to turn the maintenance of the Rt.63 south traffic island over to the town beautification comm. Thank you for your support in this endeavor. Victoria Sansing chair.