

LITCHFIELD MAIN STREET INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Town Office Building, 74 West Street

May 2, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jonathon Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

**Attending :** Jon Tarrant, Dick Sheldon, Cleve Fuessenich, Jonathon Wilson, Gerry Perusse, Kate Zullo, Denise Raap. Visitor was Leon Losse, Borough Warden

- II. **Public Requests/Comments:** None

- III. **Approval of minutes: April 4, 2018 Motion:** C. Fuessenich moved to approve the minutes of the 4/4/18 meeting and K. Zullo seconded. All voted aye except D. Raap, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

- IV. **Old Business:** C. Fuessenich discussed the Greenway project and that he noticed new signs on Rte 202 that highlight White Memorial, Litchfield Law School and Topsmead State Park.

- V. **New Business: 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Litchfield Borough.** L. Losee discussed plans to display a donated Flag that shows "Village 1818-2018". Press Release planned. Public Works putting new curbing around green, sidewalks and new light posts on green. The Borough received \$500 from the EDC for some restoration and repair of the Information Booth on the Green. Tourists want to know where to park, what restaurants are nearby, where to stay and where the public restrooms are. They are thinking of displaying a bulletin board showing local events.

J. Tarrant would like to see a new gazebo built for the Green, designed by Cliff Cooper. Replace the existing sidewalk with "stamped" sidewalk just like was done on West Street by Murphy's Pharmacy. Gazebo would be used for concerts, Road Race, Flag Day etc. First Selectman, Leo Paul needs to give approval.

J. Wilson discussed the hanging baskets going on every other light post. Father Tucker with his volunteers will continue to water the baskets as they have done in past years. Idea of Businesses to "Sponsor A Pole" to defer costs. This year, Litchfield Hills Nursery is donating the hanging flower baskets.

300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Litchfield . A committee has been formed but they haven't met since November 2017. There was discussion about bringing back the CJR House Tour, The Community Center hosting an event on the Green, The Garden Club with the help of volunteers planting daffodil bulbs along the Rt202 corridor "Litchfield In Bloom" , The Historical Society will be collecting donations post World War II, host community conversations, driving tours, May 20 Community Day at the Litchfield Law School which is currently going through landscape renovation. Planting apple trees, american chestnut trees, constructing stone walls and providing a path from South Street to Meadow Street for all to use. Picnic tables will be available and well behaved dogs are allowed on site.

Greenway Trail. Continued discussion about adding parking to the end of Russell Street for greenway access as well as parking at the Patterson property in Bantam and the Bantam Footbridge.

Discussed inviting Evan Dobos from CivicLift and EDC to attend next meeting. A special Meeting will be called for May 30 so that the committee can attend the EDC meeting at Bantam Borough Hall.

- VI. Adjournment Motion: J. Tarrant moved to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. K. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Jonathon Wilson, Chairman