Town of Clinton Beautification Committee Minutes November 2, 2022

Present: Nick Webb, Sue Kelly, Sherry Smith Guests: Bruce Lighty, Dave Smith, Carrie Allen

Call to Order: Meeting began at 6:35 p.m. at Henry Carter Hull Library.

October Minutes were reviewed. Nick made a motion to approve, Sue seconded, and all in favor.

Members: Sherry's application was approved by the Town.

Discussion of Nick's Annual Report and Budget with suggested modifications. Nick will submit by November 30th.

At the Tree Warden's suggestion, and with Karl's help, DPW has removed the invasive Tree of Heaven overtaking the area abutting the train tracks and parking lot behind Fringe, Coffee Break, and Shore Appliance. River rock has been added to the banking for soil retention and aesthetics. The Beautification Committee is very appreciative.

Tom Foster, our new agent for the Indian River Bank Garden project, will meet with Karl about the vegetative buffer proposed for the IRBG area. The 10x 30 buffer will be beneficial as well as beautiful. It will filter parking lot runoff before entering the Indian River, support pollinators through native plantings, and have four season visual interest.

We talked briefly about other proposed projects for 2023, but all agreed we need to build our Committee membership, both as voting members and "worker bees".

Sue made a motion to adjourn; Nick seconded, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. (Minutes taken by Sherry Smith)