

## **About 725:**

725 Main Street was formerly the site of an abandoned Gulf Gas Station and is currently home of a phyto-remediation project that the Town of Barnstable worked on with graduate students from Harvard University.

In 2001 the Town of Barnstable utilized Land Bank Open Space funds to acquire an abandoned gas station located at 725 Main Street, Hyannis. The purpose of the acquisition was to cultivate a Community Garden to serve as a mitigation nursery while using phytoremediation methods to remove toxins below grade to generate a positive environmental impact and create sustainable land management.

This site was acquired by the Town of Barnstable with funds from the Land Bank in 2001. The grounds of the former, abandoned gas station grounds were transformed into a beautiful, picturesque walking garden promoting great environmental impact.

The various perennials planted on site are unique as they use their root system to pull pollutants from the ground in order to thrive. Brownfield sites and other town properties in the area will benefit from the "725" garden as plants can easily be transplanted to other locations to assist in pollution control.

## **About the Artist:**

sculptor Donald Gerola

art installation on loan to the Town of Barnstable. While Mr. Gerola seldom names his pieces, this piece is titled "The Hummingbird". Cape Cod is familiar with rare hummingbird sightings and Hyannis now has its own rare "Hummingbird".

Donald Gerola is a sculptor who moved from Pennsylvania to Rhode Island in 2006 when an invitation came to set up a collaborative in Pawtucket's former textile mills. Mr. Gerola grew up fascinated with applied science, and studied Physics at The University of Dayton, Ohio. He mentored under his stepfather, William Borland, Chief of Materials for the stricken World Trade Centers, from whom he got his penchant for steel.