

**Community Forest Commission
Meeting Minutes for 02 / 17 / 2022**

Topic: Community Forestry Commission February 2022 Monthly Meeting
Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

5:35 pm – meeting called to order

Attendees: Ivy Bigelow, Shirley McCarthy, Patrick Sweeney, and Gary Zielinski

Minutes approved

1. FY 2021-22 plantings
 - a. 2021
 - i. Explore making tree cover maps for wards, zones, plow routes
 - b. 2022
 - i. 40 – 50 trees
 - ii. Species list:
 1. 8 Red Point Maple/ *Acer rubrum*
 2. 6 Black Gum/ *Nyssa sylvatica* (+6 more) ‘straight run’
 3. 6 Apple Serviceberry/ Autumn Brilliance
 4. 6 American Linden/ *Tilia americana* L.
 5. 6 Dogwood/ Appalachian Spring
 6. ~~Sycamore/ *Platanus occidentalis*~~ → 4 white oaks
 7. ~~Black Locust/ *Robinia Pseudoacacia*~~ → 4 Skyline Honey Locust/ *Gleditsia triacanthos*
 - iii. Candidates: oaks (*Q. rubra*, *Q. velutina*, *Q. alba*, *Q. bicolor*), sugar maple, red maple (sunset), American linden, black gum, apple service berry, beach plum, American sycamore, ‘Princeton’ elm
 - iv. Possible sites
 1. 105 Damascus – 1st American linden, 2nd red maple
 2. Reynolds – ~~hawthorns~~
 3. South Main – honey locust
 4. Damascus –
 5. Windmill Hill –
 6. Whiting Farm Road cul-de-sac (2 oaks, + smaller trees)
2. Other Business
 - a. Regional tree commissions communications/activity
 - i. Undergrounding
 - b. Earth Day/Branford Festival
 - i. Will there be booths for vendors?
 - ii. Work on brochure via email
 - c. Publicity
 - i. Work on press release, Request trees

- d. Grants
 - i. Check with Doug about DOT contact
 - e. Website
 - i. Updated
 - ii. TODO: Update language on form
 - f. Annual award to local business
 - g. Tree inventory
 - i. iTree Canopy survey
3. New Business
- a. Bus Stops (approach DOT to ask about permission, funding?, town might have money)
 - b. Doreen Oboyzki nominated to serve on commission

Call to adjourn meeting at 6:29 pm – McCarty 1st, Biglow 2nd