

## Community Forest Commission

### Meeting Minutes for *SPECIAL MEETING* Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

5:35 – meeting called to order

Attendees: Ivy Bigelow, Dan FitzGerald, Shirley McCarthy, Patrick Sweeney

1. FY 2021-22 plantings
  - a. 2021 list
    - i. Waiting on list
  - b. Spring
    - i. status of shared, canonical tree list
      1. Gary shared species list
      2. Add more species with wildlife value & evergreens
      3. Tree request form
        - a. Deb Mirto will email everyone when requests come in
          - i. Add requests to shared tree list
        - b. Advertise form more broadly, but with “while supplies last” caveat
        - c. Could be press release
    - ii. 40 – 50 trees
    - iii. 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> American linden, 2<sup>nd</sup> red maple
      2. Reynolds – hawthorns
      3. South Main – honey locust
      4. Damascus
      5. Windmill Hill
      6. Whiting Farm Road island
2. Other Business
  - a. regional tree commissions communications/activity
    - i. Westport putting together ordinance to protect trees on private
    - ii. CT Protective Tree Assoc. meeting
  - b. Tree City USA status
    - i. Branford is tree city, criteria:
      1. Tree ordinance
      2. Tree commission
      3. \$2 per capita on trees
      4. On Arbor day plant a tree and celebrate

- a. Reach out Gary to check
- c. Annual award to local business
  - i. To business that planted trees on their property
    - 1. Award (paper)
    - 2. Press release
- d. Website
  - i. Explore if CFC site can be linked to inlands wetlands page and town "environment" page
  - ii. Will streamline current web page
- e. Tree inventory
  - i. grants
- f. Grants
  - i. Pursue at least 1 grant in 2022

6:35 pm adjourn