

TOWN OF BRANFORD Community Forest Commission

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Meeting convened by co-chair Louise LaMontagne. Present: were co-chair, Nancy Mancini, Shirley McCarthy, Dan Fitzgerald, Doug Welch. Absent : Diana Ross , Tree Warden , Gary Zielinski, Public Works

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- 1) Minutes approved from 12 / 6 / 2018 by Dan , seconded by Shirley.
- 2) TD Bank Grant Application is ongoing. Diana will finish the application before the deadline. Shirley volunteered to help Diana with the writing process if needed. We are all in agreement that the Thimble Isle Condo complex is a good location for tree planting to help with run-off concerns. We also discussed, talking to condo associations in this area (Jefferson Road) this spring. A request to change lawn care companies to others that would provide a less toxic outcome, considering they are downhill from marshland, the Branford River and Long Island Sound.
- 3) Diana is still working with Bill Aniskovich and Jamie Cosgrove to finalize our ordinance (fine definition), before presenting it to Rules and Ordinances, RTM.
- 4) Louise and Nancy will meet with Jamie Fredericks to discuss an alliance between the CFC and ZEO on future town projects.
- 5) Arbor Day/ 375 Anniversary . We are planning on Anchor Reef for this year's Eco-friendly Award. They have planted a large amount of trees and shrubs on their property. A good amount are natives that include large species such as oaks and maples.
- 6) Gary was not present, so we will put "Watering plan for spring planting" on next month's agenda.
- 7) New Business:
 - a) Shirley will send Louise and Nancy names of tree stewards to be contacted.

b) Dan thought a site at the Supply Pond where Eversource removed powerline stations would be an appropriate place for planting a grove of blight resistant chestnut trees. He will contact Diana for her opinion and further discussion for a plan.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Mancini, acting secretary