

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, Diana Ross, Tree Warden. Absent : Dan Fitzgerald, Doug Welch . Guest: Marilyn Romans

- 1) Minutes approved from 4 / 18 / 2019 by Shirley, seconded by Nancy.
- 2) Update / Arbor Day: the Black Hills White Spruce will replace the non-native Blue Spruce next to Town Hall , as soon as it arrives at Public Works.
- 3) We will attend Rules & Ordinances (RTM) . We were re- referred from last month, because not everyone on the committee read the ordinance and Diana will be present to answer any questions.
- 4) Branford Fest schedule: Shirley & Doug 9:00 to 11:30, Louise and Nancy 11:30 to 2:30 (depending on the crowd at the green) . Dan will be floating, seeing he'll have two tents to cover.
- 5) A Franklin Tree (endangered species) was planted on the Town Green , thanks to David McCarthy ! An article will be in The Sound this week.
- 6) There will be a group tree meeting at Canoe Brook on May 29 th @ 5:30 . Our guest will be Chris Donnelly from DEEP.
- 7) And with a heavy heart, I'm saddened to say Louise LaMontagne will be stepping down as co-chair and member of the CFC as of July 1st . Louise has been a member since it's inception . She has also served as president of Branford Land Trust and president of Linden Shore District (her home turf) . Louise's commitment to a good cause is legendary . Her many years of work as a volunteer (40 !!) is commendable. Louise's husband, Idrian , her children and grandchildren will be the beneficiaries of her focus and she will continue her work as a docent at the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven.
Louise , you will be truly missed by all of us and are an inspiration to me.
We wish you the very best. Enjoy !

8) Dan Fitzgerald was voted in as new co-chair. Congratulations Dan !

Meeting adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Mancini, acting secretary