

**Community Forest Commission
Meeting Minutes for 09 / 15 / 2022**

Topic: Community Forestry Commission September 2022 Monthly Meeting
Time: September 15, 2022 5:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

Attendees: Ivy Bigelow, Doreen Larson-Oboyski, Susan Hally,
Shirley McCarthy, Patrick Sweeney, and Gary Zielinski

Meeting convened at 5:38 pm.

1. Motion to approve August 2022 minutes
 - a. McCarthy 1st, Larson-Oboyski 2nd , all approved

2. FY 2022 and 2023 tree plantings
 - a. Foote Riverside – dogwoods (CEC purchase order, 3x)
 - i. In the ground
 - b. Stony Creek, Greg Ames, spring
 - i. **Shadblow x3**
 - c. Damascus, Paul Robinson, fall
 - i. **1 x red maple**
 - d. 26 Reynolds, fall
 - i. **2 x service berry**
 - ii. Proposed: hawthorn, *Viburnum prunifolium*

3. Other Business
 - a. Tree inventory
 - b. Publicity (google brochures trees)
 - i. Flyer
 1. Add flyer town website
 2. Value of Trees, mulching, how to request trees, make aware of commission, maintenance of trees (& resources – CT Extension, Ag. Station, Master Gardner office in New Haven)
 3. Ask URI for advice
 - ii. Sign somewhere
 - iii. At events have an expert to give advice about tree care
 - c. Website
 - i. Nothing to discuss
 - d. Regional tree commissions communications/activity
 - i. Asked Gary to reach out to us if 'resiliency' project comes to Branford.
 - ii. Eversource has tree permit for Gary to sign (will let us know if more than routine)
 - e. Grants
 - i. Waiting on dates

- f. Annual award to local business
 - i. Exit 55 development, award to developer to encourage
 - 1. Keep an eye on site to see what is planted
 - 2. Metrostar is developer
 - 3. Award for *Native Landscaping Excellence*
 - 4. Award in spring when development is finished?

- 4. New Business
 - a. Mailing
 - i. See “publicity”
 - b. Tree inventory ‘how-to’
 - i. Sweeney demonstrated i-Tree Canopy application

Motion to adjourn at ca. 6:30 pm, all approved