

**Community Forest Commission  
Meeting Minutes for 3 / 18 / 2021**

Topic: Community Forestry Commission March 2021 Monthly Meeting  
Time: Mar 18, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Attendees: Shirley McCarthy, Patrick Sweeney, Dan FitzGerald, Gary Zielinski  
Absent: Doug Welch  
Guest: Donna Laich

Meeting called to order at 5:50 PM

1. Approve minutes of 2 / 18 / 2021
  - a. Dan 1<sup>st</sup>, Shirley 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. Approved by all
  
2. Spring Planting
  - a. Tree Order Status
    - i. Foote Park
      1. Separate from normal Tree Order
    - ii. Tree Order
      1. Van Wilgen's will receive trees beginning early next week
      2. Gary will plant what comes in as it arrives, so many will be in ground early
        - a. May reserve one or two for events
    - iii. Gary made some updates to list and cleaned it up, will send to Commission later in month
  - b. Foote Park Plan
    - i. Update
      1. Overstory: 2 white oaks on edges; mid-story: black gum, dogwoods
      2. Walking path
  - c. Additional Sites
    - i. Assign routes/areas to members to assess places for plantings
    - ii. Review Rt. 1
      1. Doug Welch
      2. with state roads dealing with state ROW, need permission
      3. Find corners with Branford ROW
    - iii. Review Rt. 146 (state ROW issues)
    - iv. Other sites
      1. Pine Orchard area - Dan
      2. Center of town - Patrick

3. Short Beach - Shirley

3. Urban Forestry Management Plan

- a. Patrick summarized the 2020 CT Forest Action Plan
- b. Options for Branford to Implement
  - i. G3C
    - 1. Focus on Urban heat islands

4. New Business

Call to adjourn

Dan 1<sup>st</sup>, Shirley 2<sup>nd</sup>

Adjourn at 6:37 PM