

**Community Forest Commission
Meeting Minutes for 04 / 21 / 2022**

Topic: Community Forestry Commission April 2022 Monthly Meeting
Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

5:33 pm – meeting called to order

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

1. March minutes approved
 - a. Bigelow 1st, McCarthy 2nd, all approved
2. FY 2022 plantings
 - a. 44+ trees so far
 - i. 26 Reynolds – Gary will scope out swamp white oak on corner, will look for Hawthorne for under wires
 - ii. Look for other places
3. Other Business
 - a. Tree inventory
 - i. Sweeney working on maps
 - b. Earth Day/Branford Festival
 - i. DPW will take extra trees from Earth Day and plant at Chet's pond
 - c. Publicity
 - i. Sweeney submitted blurb submitted to 1st Selectman's office
 - d. Website
 - i. Sweeney requested updates to tree submission form
 - e. Regional tree commissions communications/activity (McCarthy)
 - i. Undergrounding being considered by stakeholders
 - ii. DOT on Merritt has 30' clearance
 - f. Grants
 - i. Bigelow made contact with individual at DOT
 1. DOT has no plans to plant anything within 20' of US 1, no plans to clear, if you plant municipality must maintain
 2. Permit application is easy process – location, species
 3. Ivy will reach out to DOT about bus stops
 - ii. TD Bank has award
 - g. Annual award to local business

Call meeting to adjourn at 6:32 pm – McCarthy 1st, Larson-Oboyski 2nd, all in favor