

**Community Forest Commission  
Meeting Minutes for 05 / 19 / 2022**

Topic: Community Forestry Commission May 2022 Monthly Meeting

Time: May 19, 2022 5:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

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

Call meeting to order @ 5:32 pm

1. April 2022 minutes approved
  - a. Bigelow 1<sup>st</sup>, McCarthy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved
2. FY 2022 plantings
  - a. Locations for all spring trees located. 5 remaining trees being planted week of May 23 - 27.
  - b. Fall 2022 & Spring 2023 potential plantings
    - i. 26 Reynolds
    - ii. South Main
      1. 2 honey locust on South Main
      2. Do more later; ease into planting DOT ROW areas
    - iii. End of Church
    - iv. Tree adjacent to cemetery
      1. DOT purview
    - v. Zielinski proposed to plant out one I-95 ramp per year, all concurred
      1. exit 55
      2. exit 54, off ramp
      3. exit 56, island by Gould lane
3. Other Business
  - a. Tree inventory
    - i. Sweeney presented results of Town Center survey and map of tree survey zones
    - ii. Commission members will divvy up survey work by zones
  - b. Branford Festival
    - i. Content: Map of survey area, flyers, poster about value of trees, tree request form
  - c. Publicity
    - i. Do press release at end of 2022 that publicizes tree survey and carbon capture
  - d. Website
    - i. Tree list updated to have drop-down list of available tree choices
  - e. Regional tree commissions communications/activity

- f. Grants
  - i. Bus stops require DOT and CT Transit Authority (and regional transit authority)
  - ii. Our contact at DOT outlined procedure to get permission to plant tree
    - 1. Encroachment permission process
    - 2. Must come from town
    - 3. Link on website
    - 4. Alex Arehambault will send example
    - 5. Invite Alex A. to meeting? (he is a district 3 DOT person)
    - 6. United Methodist Church
      - a. Ivy will draft letter about project
    - 7. Trailer park owners/management antagonistic to idea of planting trees
  - g. Annual award to local business
  
- 4. New Business
  - a. New members
    - i. Commission nominated Susan Hally to join commission
      - 1. Bigelow 1<sup>st</sup>, McCarthy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved
    - ii. McCarthy discussed ways to promote cross commission synergy
      - 1. Doug Tallamy's home grown park idea would be a good rallying topic

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm