

**Community Forest Commission
Meeting Minutes for 5 / 20 / 2021**

Topic: Community Forestry Commission May 2021 Monthly Meeting

Time: May 20, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Location: Branford Early Learning Center (outside grounds)

Attendees: Shirley McCarthy, Patrick Sweeney, Dan FitzGerald, Gary Zielinski, Doug Welch

Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM

1. Approve minutes of 3 / 18 / 2021
 - a. Shirley 1st, Patrick 2nd
 - b. Approved by all

2. Spring Planting summary/wrap-up
 - a. All trees that were purchased for spring planting are planted
 - b. Additional money for trees and shrubs is available through CEC.
 - i. Dan and Gary will reconcile lists and prioritize plantings based on reconciled list.
 - ii. CEC has desire to plant natives in forest understory at BELC. Facilities can plant and water. CEC will look for sources of natives (establish relationships with additional vendors).
 - c. Foote Park Plan
 - i. Update
 1. Alex Palluzzi provided planting plan.
 2. Commission would like more natives. Shirley will follow-up with Gary and vendor about swapping some non-natives out for natives.

3. Branford Early Learning Center Planting
 - a. Commission walked site discussing possible plans for restoration, etc.

4. Future Planting

5. New Business
 - a. Doug has been in contact with DOT about possibility of trees and shrubs being planted at Exit 55

Call to adjourn

Doug 1st, Dan 2nd

Adjourn at 6:30 PM