

**Community Forest Commission  
Meeting Minutes for 07 / 21 / 2022**

Topic: Community Forestry Commission June 2022 Monthly Meeting

Time: July 21, 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

Not Attending: Susan Hally

1. Approved June 2022 minutes
  - a. McCarthy 1<sup>st</sup>, Bigelow 2<sup>nd</sup>
  
2. FY 2022 and 2023 tree plantings
  - a. Four requests submitted via email
    - i. End of Church approaching Meadow, 4-5 trees
      1. hold off until development settled
    - ii. 1 Sybil Creek Place
    - iii. 21 Elizabeth Street
      1. Linden
  - b. Pine Orchard (Memorial)
    - i. near cottonwood?
      1. Two trees
      2. Bench
      3. Patrick will communicate with Geoff Hotz
  - c. Branford Point, Garden Club (Memorial)
    1. Gary, Parker Park commission
  - d. Greg Ames
    - i. redbud, TBD
  - e. Featherbed & Main, new trees hacked, possibly by DOT?
  
3. Other Business
  - a. Tree inventory
  - b. Publicity
  - c. Website
  - d. Regional tree commissions communications/activity
  - e. Grants
    - i. Special August brainstorming meeting
  - f. Annual award to local business
    - i. Patrick will look into creating an award/certificate and medal medallion
    - ii. Candidates:
      1. Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter!
      2. Old Days Inn site (Metrostar development company)

- 4. New Business
  - a. Mulching
    - i. How to educate about mulching
      - 1. Post flyers at landscape supply places
        - a. Van Wilgens – Shirley will drop off
        - b. East Haven Landscape
        - c. Site One – Shirley will drop off
      - 2. Places that sell much
        - a. JDL on meadow
        - b. CA Place on main
      - 3. Post around town in public places
        - a. everyone will post flyers
    - ii. Tallamy's "Homegrown National Park"
      - i. Get green commissions together to think about this
      - ii. What at town level to incentivize?
        - 1. MN & WS use tax incentives
      - iii. Patrick will talk to CEC & Shirley will talk to Parks & Open space
  - b. Mass mailing
    - i. ask Jamie Cosgrove
    - ii. Solid waste as a model
    - iii. Tree mulching
    - iv. Tree request
    - v. Native trees

Motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm  
Ivy 1st, Shirley 2nd