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Community Forest Commission
Meeting Agenda for 7 / 16 / 2020

Location: ZOOM @ 5:00

Attendees: Shirley McCarthy, Patrick Sweeney, Dan FitzGerald, Gary Zielinski, and Nancy Mancini

Absent: Doug Welch

Guest: Wayne Cooke

- 1) Approve minutes of 5 / 21 / 2020
 - a. Motion to Approve Nancy Mancini 1st – Shirley McCarthy 2nd

- 2) Fall Planting
 - a. May 2020 – meeting notes

“Mr. David McCarthy Provides current state or Richland Property. Plan developed but not implemented spring of 2020. Plan includes: trees suitable for the location and environment with little care. Species found, and fruiting species has small fruit, apple service berry, hawthorn beam* and American hornbeam* pick smaller variety. *both varieties need to be further researched for most appropriate selection. Plan spaced to mature canopy sizes and tree capacity. Potentially, tie trees into the downtown schema”.

- i.
- b. Richland –
 - i. Potential trees to plant
 1. Luster Apple Serviceberry
 2. Black Gum
 3. Hawthorn
 - ii. Next Steps:
 1. Gary Zielinski – Contact suppliers to identify available stock
 - a. Goal to plant in fall
 2. Tree Collars
 - a. Gary building to add to delicate fragile trees so they do not get damaged during landscaping
 3. Pick a weekend date/time to agree with plan
 - a. Nancy to send email to define date
- c. Prep areas for PP
 - i. Identify areas –
 1. Gary Zielinski has some ideas
 2. Group to approve
 - ii. Budget – Approximate tree budget \$11,000

- 3) Spring planting Record : locations and species .
 - a. Link <https://bit.ly/BFD2020TreePlanting>
 - b. Updates to review record
 - c. Discussion surrounding to GWT
 - i. Wayne Cooke comments
 1. Requests to hold on planting trees surrounding the GWT

- 4) Dan : talked to First Selectman about planting a tree farm.

Dan FitzGerald – f/u with more info of requirements
Nancy Mancini – f/u with Milford to determine what they have done
Wayne Cooke – requests to consider greater plan for identifying sites – including tree farm or other plantings. Request more insight into plan as it develops

- 5) Shirley : calculating carbon sequestration from trees planted this year.
 - a. Patrick Sweeney – will assist with calculation
 - i. Needs to define requirements
 - b. Shirley McCarthy – will get information from GZ
 - i. define the trees to include in calculation

- 6) Nancy : contacted realtor concerning notable Elm tree on Montowese.
 - a. Town Tree –
 - i. Nancy Mancini contacted realtor to declare that the tree is a notable tree and needs to be protected as such
 - ii. Group – identify any possible properties
 - b. Repeatable Proactive Process to Promote Value of the Trees
 - i. Goal to protect trees when property changes owners
 1. Call realtor to define tree and location
 - a. Request that tree be protected
 2. Develop relationship with owners to promote the value of the trees on the property
 - a. Health benefits
 - b. Home value
 3. Request to be part of the P&Z process

- 7) New Business
 - a. Wayne Cooke
 - i. Jarvis Creek – berm removal on Medlyn property
 1. Flooding occurs and is damaging trees and property

- b. Shirley – Doug Welch interface with Dept Of Transportation (DOT)
 - i. Exit 55 DOT Plan
 - 1. No plan yet.
 - 2. Doug Welch will be point of contact with DOT to help define plan
- c. Patrick – Invasive Plants
 - i. CEC – Prioritization of areas
 - 1. Discovery phase to identify
 - a. Amount of invasive on property
 - b. Effort to remove invasive
 - c. Methods & techniques
 - i. Goats
 - 1. Shirley McCarthy – to research
 - a. Rent
 - b. Own

8) Adjourn

- a. 6:08pm adjourn
 - i. Motion to Approve Nancy Mancini 1st – Shirley McCarthy 2nd