

TOWN OF BRANFORD Community Forest Commission

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Meeting convened by co-chair Dan Fitzgerald. Present: were co-chair, Nancy Mancini, Shirley McCarthy, Diana Ross, Tree Warden. Absent : Doug Welch, Patrick Sweeney. David McCarthy and Gary Zielinski.

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- 1) Minutes approved from 6 / 20 / 2019 by Shirley, seconded by Nancy.
- 2) Welcome Patrick !! Our new member.
- 3) Annual Report completed, including tree planting list.
- 4) Fall tree planting. Shirley will contact Gary for a meeting with Shirley and Nancy to review possible planting for fall.
- 5) We are waiting for final review of the Tree Ordinance by the Town Attorney and hopefully will be put on the RTM September schedule. Diana has agreed to come to the RTM meeting with us, if there are any questions. Once approved, we will ask the First Selectman's approval of the Tree Management Plan.
- 6) Dan has had meetings with Jamie on the Pollinator Pathway project . It was approved by the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat. It will start on Montowese through the Greenway Trail ending in Stony Creek. Dan has been working on maps for the project and finalizing details with Jamie and David McCarthy. Also, Dan is working with the American Chestnut Foundation and plans include an acre of chestnut seed orchard on town property ( across the street from Ecology Park ).
- 6) New Business :  
Dan and David will work on our new CFC website page.

Discussion on inviting Christine Cohen to one of our meetings. Topics would Include : Invasive species , PURA and utility practices , how do we get recognized on the state level, when it comes to trees and how to protect them.

Diana Ross will be retiring this month. She has been a great asset to our commission as acting Tree Warden and will be truly missed. Rest and relax Diana with our best wishes !

Meeting adjourned at 6:10

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini, acting secretary