

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, Doug Welch, Gary Zielinski. Absent : Patrick Sweeney, David McCarthy , Tree Warden.

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- 1) Minutes approved from 9 / 20 / 2019 by Nancy, seconded by Shirley.
- 2) Fall planting will focus on Richlin's. David will be planning and working with Gary on what trees will work best for that area . Gary has an end of November deadline for planting. We have a donation of 1,200.00 from the Conservation / Environmental Commission.
- 3) The Tree Ordinance has been passed and David as Tree Warden can start to use it's guidelines when planting and protecting trees. Shirley will talk to the First Selectman about the Tree Management Plan.
- 4) Pollinator Pathway Kick Off will be November 15th at the Fire Station 6 to 8pm. Dan is planning a Press Release , contacting The Sound, Pam Castro (Branford High School) , Green Committees and Garden Club.
- 5) We will be contacting DOT to adopt spaces in town for planting trees, shrubs and native perennials . Our idea is to have the town adopt the spaces and Public Works, along with volunteers will plant and care for the areas selected. Some areas that were discussed were : All Exits into town, Rte 1 & Main Street (islands at both intersections), Rte 1 & Leetes Island Road, Short Beach Road & Rte 1 @ CVS, 146 Whiting Farm Road @ the triangle, opposite Grifting Pond/ Fellsmere Farm, Indian Neck Ave. & Kirkham- across from RR station in overflow brewery parking lot on hillside and along ridge, Hotchkiss Grove & Second Ave triangle . We will be on the look out for other locations. Dan will talk to the First Selectman about the town adopting the locations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini, acting secretary