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Community Forest Commission Town of Branford
Minutes of the 3/19/18 Meeting

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Meeting convened by co-chair Nancy Mancini at 5:38 at Canoe Brook. Present were co-chair Louise LaMontagne, Shirley McCarthy, Doug Welch, Dan Fitzgerald, Diana Ross, Tree Warden

- 1) Minutes approved from meeting 2/15/18
- 2) Introduction of nominees to fill vacant positions on commission: Doug Welch and Dan Fitzgerald. They have both submitted letters of application and resumes to first selectman, Jamie Cosgrove and await appointment.
- 3) A suggestion was made to send out reminders of upcoming meetings one week before meeting.
- 4) A summary of our meeting with the Hamden Alliance for Trees(2/15/18) was given by Shirley McCarthy
- 5) Arbor Day plans were discussed. Ceremony to take place 4/27@ Sliney School with tree planting, Diana Ross to organize
- 6) Nancy Mancini and Louise LaMontagne discussed attendance at the meeting of SCRCOG and emphasized the discussion of the importance of trees in future planning
- 7) Update on POCD which has been followed by Shirley McCarthy, necessity of implementation component. Next meeting: April 11,2018.
- 8) Richlin's tree planting opportunities. Need permission from State. Might be a possibility for fall planting, need to consider water and care issues
- 9) Nancy Mancini reported on recent, quite successful meeting with First Selectman Cosgrove wherein budget, ordinance(modelled on Guilford's) were discussed
- 10) Eversource redux: Doug Welch expressed interest in learning what would be involved in helping oversee tree work when Eversource returns (fall?)
- 11) Shirley McCarthy mentioned invitation by Blackstone Board for us to give presentation. Louise LaMontagne expressed interest, will f/u
- 12) Dan Fitzgerald is involved with Earth Day/ Cleanup Day on 4/21/18
Meeting adjourned at 6:48 (note was made of unusual length)

Respectfully submitted,

Louise LaMontagne, acting secretary