

TOWN OF BRANFORD
Community Forest Commission

MINUTES

September 20, 2018 meeting

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Meeting convened by co-chair Nancy Mancini at 5:31. Present were co-chair Louise LaMontagne, Shirley McCarthy, Dan Fitzgerald and Diana Ross, Tree Warden. Absent: Doug Welch

Also present, Guests: Karen Wolfe and Valerie Vickstrom

- 1) Minutes from the August 23, 2018 meeting approved, motion made by Dan F. seconded by Louise L.
- 2) The guests were asked to present their concerns. They live at Rice Terrace and are concerned about the deterioration of the massive beech tree in Center Cemetery. The commission explained that the CFC's jurisdiction only extends to trees on town property.
- 3) Fall Planting: Tree Warden Ross stated that fall planting would not take place. She gave a summary of planting to date in 2018. The Pine Orchard "triangle" was discussed. The evergreens planted cost \$4,000, the Conservation Commission donated \$3,000 to this planting.
- 4) Spring Planting: a preliminary list was presented by Tree Warden Ross to include Jefferson Rd, Mill Creek Rd. and Brian Rd. Note was made of the need for larger watering "bags" around newly planted trees.
- 5) Eversource Tree Trimming: Lucas Trees has been engaged to start the work in November, Ben Davis in charge. Eversource has a new arborist, Jenna Klinck, who may be an improvement. Tree Warden Ross has not yet seen the trees on the Eversource plan but noted that last time she was only able to see the trees slated to be removed, not the ones to be trimmed. Discussion ensued about the possibility of Doug W. assisting with this task under Ross' license.
- 6) The Tree Management Plan has been completed, according to Shirley M.
- 7) Ordinance: Nancy M. to meet with Jaymie F. to add utility language. Draft was sent to town Attorney Aniskovich months ago. Louise L. to contact him re: his only jurisdiction would be fines and appeals.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30, motion by Shirley M., seconded by Louise L.

Respectfully submitted by Louise LaMontagne, acting secretary