

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, Patrick Sweeney and Gary Zielinski. Absent : David McCarthy ,Tree Warden. Guest : Lana Bluege.

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- 1) Minutes approved from 11 / 21 / 2019 by Dan, seconded by Doug.
- 2) Spring planting will focus on Richlin's. David has worked on a plan and will work with Gary on what trees will work best for that area. Other sites talked about were : Florence Road, Parker Park (Branford Point), The Armory (on street sides, edge of property) , 28 Mill Creek Road, the High School (good place for white oak), new firehouse on Linden Ave. (good place for Louise LaMontagne's memorial tree ,a linden). We will continue to look for other sites. We discussed if it's best to plant the majority of town trees in spring, seeing we didn't plant any trees this fall, because funds ran out. April / May are best months to plant ,before Gary gets too busy.
- 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 is still working with David on a one page hand-out for developers and will meet with the First Selectman about passing the Tree Management Plan. This plan would become part of the P & Z process.
- 4) Pollinator Pathway projects are ongoing. Bill Horne could not make this meeting and we thought having a separate scheduled meeting on this subject and including Victor DeMasi would make sense. Dan and Patrick will work on this.
- 5) Our guest Lana Bluege talked about increasing education on the Earth Day / Clean up Day Celebration on the Branford Green to include : reducing our carbon footprint, making right choices, energy efficiency, best recycling practices ,etc. Lana will work with Dan on making this a more engaging and educational event for the town.
- 6) We discussed topics that should be addressed at February's meeting with Eversource and decided a group email would be best for us to brainstorm and

decide on what should be the agenda for this meeting. Nancy will send an email to CFC members and we can start exchanging ideas.

7) New Business: The site walk on proposed development of Aldi's, Jan. 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini, acting secretary