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**Community Forest Commission  
Meeting Minutes for 02 / 16 / 2023**

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Topic: Community Forestry Commission February 2023 Monthly Meeting  
Time: February 16, 2023 5:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

Attendees: Ivy Bigelow, Doreen Larson-Oboyski, Susan Hally,  
Shirley McCarthy, Patrick Sweeney, and Gary Ziellinski

Meeting convened at 5:31 pm

1. Approve January 2023 minutes  
McCarthy 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Bigelow 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved
2. FY 2023 tree plantings
  - a. Ziellinski reported that 46 trees had been ordered
3. Other Business
  - a. Publicity/Education
    - i. Earth Day arrangements are underway, Bigelow and Sweeney will prepare booth, materials, and activities.
  - b. Website
    - i. Nothing to report
  - c. Regional tree commissions communications/activity
    - i. McCarthy reported on two tree related bills CT General Assembly Bills in committee
  - d. Grants
  - e. Annual award to local business
    - i. Discussed dispensary on Main and new brewery on highway 139, commissioners will investigate landscaping in person
  - f. P&Z Activity
    - i. Reviewed landscaping plans for some developments
    - ii. Proposed to send tree/shrub lists to P&Z
4. New Business
  - a. Pine Orchard area memorial tree
    - i. Suggestion to plant at Mirror lake, McCarthy and Ziellinski will view site
  - b. Route 139 oak
    - i. Large apparently healthy pin oak removed from DOT ROW. Owner of adjacent business requested removal. Sweeney will request maintenance form (#89 from DOT.

Bigelow 1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn, Larson-Oboyski 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, all approved  
Adjourned at 6:50 pm