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**Community Forest Commission
Meeting Minutes for 01 / 19 / 2023**


JOSEPH TRAPASSO
COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION CLERK

Topic: Community Forestry Commission January 2023 Monthly Meeting
Time: January 19, 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 Zielinski

Meeting convened at 5:34

1. Approve November and December 2022 minutes
McCarthy 1st motion, Ivy 2nd motion, all approved
2. FY 2023 tree plantings
 - a. Discussed spring tree planting locations and tree species choices.
 - b. Focus on town center area. The tree cover survey revealed that this area was found to have less tree cover than other parts of town.
 - c. Plant a few individuals of some tree species (e.g., sourwood, persimmon, sweetgum) that currently have a more southern distribution, in anticipation of changing climate.
3. Other Business
 - a. Publicity/Education
 - i. Earth Day, April 15 10:30 am – 1:30 pm
 1. Bigelow will take lead in organizing
 2. Explore idea of giving away trees
 3. Provide Educational materials
 - b. Website
 - i. Nothing to report
 - c. McCarthy reported on regional tree commissions communications/activity
 - d. Grants
 - i. Explore Arbor Day foundation grant
 1. For planting in DEEP designated environmental justice community (e.g., Florence Road)
 2. For tree nursery
 - ii. Sweeney noted that someone on commission will need to step forward to take the lead on grant writing, if any progress is to made
 - e. Annual award to local business
 - i. Ivy will follow up with Robert Smith about tree donation
 - f. P&Z Activity
 - i. Update tree list
4. New Business

- a. Parkside habitat alteration
 - i. Carolyn Sires noted massive tree removal at Parkside Development
 - ii. Review landscape plan and advise developer on plantings
- b. Tree nursery
 - i. Commission has an interest in pursuing this
 - ii. Use 15 gallon pots (no "in ground" plantings)
 - iii. Motivation: convenience, local genotypes, rare (in trade) trees
 - iv. Possibly seek grant monies (see "Grants" above)
- c. Sweeney reported on RTM Rules & Ordinances Committee work on Chapter 16 of town code

McCarthy 1st motion to adjourn, Larson-Oboyski 2nd motion, all approved

Adjourned at 6:55 pm