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**Community Forest Commission
Meeting Minutes for 07 / 20 / 2023**

Topic: Community Forestry Commission July 2023 Monthly Meeting
Time: July 20, 2023 5:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

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

Meeting convened at 5:34 pm

1. Approve June 2023 minutes
Larson-Oboyski 1st, McCarthy 2nd, all approved
2. FY 2023 tree plantings
 - a. Fall planting – 3 serviceberries at 273 Thimble Island Road
 - b. Noted that several web form request were received. Uptick in submissions likely related to posting of flyer at Blackstone Library. Sweeney responded to applicants noting that no planting activity will happen until fall or spring (2024).
3. Other Business
 - a. Publicity/Education
 - i. noted that CFC needs banner and canopy for events
 - ii. Garden Club would like for CFC commissioner to speak at Garden Club February event
 - iii. Discussed ideas for other speaker events
 - b. Website – Bigelow reviewed current CFC webpage and noted many places for improvements and added content. Commission agreed to continue discussion about webpage improvements.
 - c. Regional tree commissions communications/activity – McCarthy discussed various issues/activities
 - d. P&Z Activity – McCarthy discussed status of Landscaping Ordinance update; CFC agreed to support updates
 - e. Inventory & monitoring – Sweeney discussed status of continued exploration of Street Tree Inventory and monitoring of town-owned forested open space
4. New Business
 - a. McCarthy reached out to Eversource representative for Branford and received update on proposed Eversource vegetation activities
 - b. Discussion of Assistant Tree Warden and Tree Warden roles, etc.

McCarthy 1st motion to adjourn, Bigelow 2nd motion, all approved
Adjourned at 7:00 pm