Community Forest Commission Meeting Agenda for 02/15/2024

Topic: Community Forestry Commission February 2024

Monthly Meeting Time: February 15, 2024 5:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House Library

Attendees (expected): Ivy Bigelow, Doreen Larson-Oboyski, Susan Hally, Shirley McCarthy, and Gary Zielinski

- 1. New Chair or Chairs vote
- 2. Approve January 2024 minutes
- 3. FY 2024 tree planting
- a. Margaret Ryan Memorial Tree Request, Arbor Day Site, etc.
- b. Honey Locust (https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/species/gleditsia/triacanthos/) and current tree offerings list

4. Business

- a. Documents transfer from previous chair
- b. Publicity- Earth Day and Branford Festival
- c. Webform requests process news
- d. New commissioner recommendations report
- e. Complaint from Tina Mannarino
- f. Inventory & monitoring report on conversation with Chris Donnelly exploring recommendations for hiring a forester/ working on a town management plan; communication from Patrick regarding https://www.treeequityscore.org/reports/place/branford-ct, and CT CLEAR https://clear.uconn.edu/projects/landscape/; DOE report that Yale Forestry Faculty contributed to: https://roads2removal.org/#forests
- g. Regional tree commissions communications/legislation
- h. CT urban forest council education opportunity (February 29th)-

https://cturbanforestcouncil.org/2024-annual-conference-demystifying-success-in-urban-forestry/

- i. Meeting of related commissions to discuss potential changes to protect large trees/ encourage native planting/ other
- i. Other business

