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Community Forestry Commission
Meeting Minutes for 3/21/2024

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Topic: Community Forest Commission March 2024 Monthly Meeting
Date and Time: March 21, 2024 5:30 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

Attendees: Ivy Kim, Susan Hally, Doreen Larson-Oboyski, Gary Zielinski

Meeting convened at 5:38 pm

1. Approve February 2024 minutes
Kim 1st motion, Oboyski-Larson 2nd motion
All approved
2. FY 2024 tree plantings
 - a. List of planned tree planting presented by Zielinski for review with commission members
 - b. List crossed-checked with tree requests
 - c. Zielinski plans to plant 9 trees in front of Tisko School on Christopher Rd. He would like to plant one of those trees for Arbor Day on 4/26/2024
 - d. Kim proposes grove of trees to be planted at Foote Riverside Park. She will schedule time to walk park grounds with G. Zielinski
3. Business
 - a. Discussed publicity for Earth Day, possibly Branford Festival.
 - b. Kim suggested giveaway for those who visit CFC tent on Earth Day
 - c. Park trees
 - d. Kim recommended peer learning opportunity to promote sustainable practices for Parks and Recreation employees to A. Paluzzi, director of Parks and Recreation Department. The following website was sent to A. Paluzzi as a resource: <https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/partnerships/initiatives/sustainability-in-practice/>
 - e. Kim recommended review of information by Zielinski re: CAES Mycorrhizal Inoculation Study to Promote Urban Tree Health in CT
4. Other Business
 - a. Discussed plantings by Metrostar at residential development on Rte 1. CT DOT controls the ROW along Rte 1. Both the town and Metrostar can plant trees along Rte 1, but only by going through the DOT permitting process
 - b. Discussed reaching out to DOT to encourage planting native trees along Rte. 1

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm