

**Community Forestry Commission
Meeting Minutes for 5/16/2024**

Topic: Community Forest Commission May 2024 Monthly Meeting
Date and Time: May 16, 2024 Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

Attendees: Ivy (Bigelow) Kim, Doreen Larson-Oboyski, Susan Hally, Shirley McCarthy

Meeting convened at 5:39 pm

Approve April 2024 minutes

McCarthy 1st motion, Bigelow Kim 2nd motion
All approved

1. FY 2024 tree plantings

- a. Tree planting is closed until Fall 2024
- b. 1 new tree request received so far per Bigelow Kim
- c. Approximately 50-60 trees are planted per year
- d. Public Works tries to plant as many trees as removed each year, per Laura Limone

2. Business

- a. Discussed correspondence to CT DOT, initiated by Bigelow Kim re: management of invasive vegetation along I-95 corridor.
- b. Bigelow Kim has been in contact with First Selectman Cosgrove re: appointment of new CFC member

3. Publicity

- a. Discussed yearly sponsorship of tree poem contest by CFC for Arbor Day
- b. Discussed possible nominee for CFC business award
- c. McCarthy will write press release for CFC re: the benefits of trees
- d. CFC will have booth at Branford Festival

4. Other Business

- a. Discussed Regional Tree Commission communications/legislations
- b. Cross-Commission follow-up discussed
 - i. R. Shanahan met with First Selectman Cosgrove to propose creation of open-space/natural resource management position
 - ii. CFC needs to formulate separate proposal for this position, then take it to cross-commission for discussion
 - iii. Discussed need to identify which CT towns have open-space/natural resource managers

5. Miscellaneous

- a. **Save the Date:** Nov 13, 2024, 11:00 am, New Haven Garden Club, The Annual Shaw-Swords Lecture: Greenspace: An Urban Imperative. Open to the public. More information on **New Haven Garden Club website:** <https://gardenclubofnewhaven.org>

1st motion to adjourn McCarthy, 2nd motion Bigelow-Kim, all approved
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

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