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Community Forest Commission  
Meeting Minutes for 7/18/2024

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BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Topic: Community Forest Commission July 2024 Monthly Meeting

Date and Time: July 18, 2024 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Location: Joseph Trapasso Community House

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

Meeting convened at 5:38 pm

1. **Approve June 2024 minutes**  
McCarthy 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Hally 2<sup>nd</sup> motion
2. **FY 2024 Tree Planting**  
Recommendation to enter all tree requests on Town website
3. **Business**
  - a. Publicity- Discussed CFC press release that was published in "The Sound" on 7/4/2024
  - b. Discussed responding to email sent from a teacher at Lakeview Nature Conservancy
  - c. Discussed correspondence from public
  - d. Regional Tree Commission communication/legislation- discussed corresponding with state legislators re: tree conservation
  - e. Cross-commission communications- Conwood survey of selected parcels of land planned for Branford, date to be determined; DEEP forester to look at selected parcels of land on 7/29/24
  - f. Landscape Ordinance news discussed
  - g. Parkside Village tree removal- discussed contacting Andy Wight, chair of Housing Authority re: plans to replace trees
  - h. Discussed organized effort by CFC to visit local landscaping businesses to prevent volcano mulching around tree plantings
4. **Other Business**
  - a. Discussed contacting town engineer, Tom Hoeffler, re: projected timeline for Main Street revitalization
  - b. Kim has spoken with K. Connolly re: plans to write article about the value of native trees

1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn Larson-Oboyski, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion McCarthy

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm