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Community Forest Commission  
Meeting Minutes for 10/17/2024

  
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Topic: Community Forest Commission October 2024 Monthly Meeting

Date and Time: October 17, 2024 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Location: Joe Trapasso Community House

Attendees: Abigail Adams, Susan Hally, Shirley McCarthy, Ivy Kim, Doreen Larson-Oboyski,  
Gary Zielinski

Meeting convened at 5:35 pm

**1. Approve September 2024 minutes**

Larson-Oboyski 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

**2. FY 2024 tree plantings**

Zielinski expects to plant 17 trees this fall, which include 4 maples, 4 sweet gum, 8 serviceberry 'Autumn brilliance' and 1 sycamore

**3. Business**

**a. Correspondence from public- none**

**b. Publicity**

**Discussed consideration of local business for Native Planting Award**

Discussed PR campaign through local businesses to incentivize property owners to plant natives and reduce lawn size

**c. Discussed tree inventories for ROW trees/school campus trees**

BHS Science Department Leader, Suzanne Sullivan, interested in involving AP Environmental students in tree inventory process

Discussed scheduling special meeting of CFC to determine what data is important and method of data collection

**d. Regional Tree Group Correspondence**

Docket coming out from RTG to discuss more undergrounding of power lines

**e. Miyawaki Forest Method**

Discussed process involved for implementation of Miyawaki Method for forest restoration in Branford

1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion McCarthy

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

