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**Community Forest Commission
Minutes Special Meeting 3/19/2025**

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BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Topic: Landscaping Award

Date and Time: March 19, 2025, 9:30 am Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Location: Common Grounds, 1096 Main Street, Branford, CT

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

Meeting convened at 9:45 am

Recommendation for requiring criteria for landscaping award.

Suggestion made to consider private property or local business for award

Discussed press release to inform the public about the award and to encourage submission of a nomination

Proposed criteria:

1. 70% of plantings of trees and/or shrubs required to be native
2. No intentional planting of invasive species
3. Visible effort being made to decrease lawn size
4. Leave the leaves to use as mulch
5. Other:
 - a. Size of tree canopy
 - b. Presence of water features

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am