

**URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA-REGULAR MEETING**  
APRIL 28, 2026, AT 6:00 PM.  
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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Attendance: Peter Viteretto, Chair  
Gay MacLeod  
Amy Verel  
Sonja Oliver (arrived at 6:45 PM)

Staff: Sarah Cruz, Arborist/ Horticulturalist

Others: Jeff Scherr, Norwalk Tree Alliance

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Viteretto called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Viteretto called the roll, and all those listed were present. There was a quorum present.

## **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation this evening.

## **IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION ON MARCH 24, 2026.**

- \*\* MS. MCLEOD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**
- \*\* MS. VEREL SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **V. REPORTS**

### **A. Tree Planting Spring 2026**

Ms. Cruz reported on the status and available budget for the 2026 tree plantings.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Election of Vice Chair to the Urban Forestry Commission**

- \*\* MR. VITERETTO NOMINATED MS. MCLEOD AS VICE CHAIR.**
- \*\* MS. VEREL SECONDED THE NOMINATION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **B. Information Booklet for events-Tree Care Guide**

The committee discussed the information booklet for events and the tree care guide.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Tree Planting - West Ave**

The committee discussed possible tree-planting locations in the medians on West Avenue, from the SONO collection down. Funding is available for a fall planting once a plan is completed.

### **B. Outreach Materials**

The committee discussed handing out business cards as part of outreach materials. Ms. Cruz will look into getting an email address established for the committee.

### **C. Legacy Tree Program**

The committee discussed establishing a legacy tree program. Ms. Cruz shared the ordinance language.

## **VIII. NORWALK TREE ALLIANCE UPDATES**

Mr. Scherr provided updates from the Norwalk Tree Alliance.

The committee discussed tree plantings for the SONO roundabout.

The committee discussed possible planting locations for live Christmas trees.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. VEREL MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MS. MCLEOD SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd