



REGULAR MEETING – URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION AGENDA

MAY 26, 2026, 6:00 PM
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- IV. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. **Regular meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission, April 28th, 2026**
- V. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Tree Planting Program - Spring 2026**
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **West Ave medians**
 - B. **Legacy Tree Program**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tree Care Brochure

VIII. NORWALK TREE ALLIANCE UPDATES

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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