



REGULAR MEETING – URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION AGENDA

**JULY 28, 2026, 6:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- IV. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. **Regular Meeting: June 23rd, 2026**
- V. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Tree Planting Program**
 - **Watering Requirements**
 - **Tree Requests**

- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Tree Care Brochure
- B. Legacy Tree Nomination Form and Criteria
- C. West Avenue Medians - Planting Project

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Stroffolino Bridge Plantings
- B. Urban Forestry Commission - Webpage Content
- C. Tree of Heaven Management
- D. Connecticut Urban Forestry Network - Needs Assessment Response

VIII. NORWALK TREE ALLIANCE UPDATES

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Attendance: Peter Viteretto, Chair
 Gay MacLeod, Vice Chair
 Amy Verel
 David McGoldrick
 Sonja Oliver
 Jeff Scherr, Norwalk Tree Alliance

Staff: Sarah Cruz, Arborist/ Horticulturalist

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Viteretto called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION ON JUNE 2ND, 2026.

**** MS. MACLEOD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**** MS. VEREL SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. REPORTS

A. Tree Planting Program

Ms. Cruz reported on the status of pending tree requests through the online and paper request forms. Ms. MacLeod reported on the completed and pending private tree requests. Mr. Viteretto emphasized the importance of planning around budget availability, prioritizing planting locations, and there was a discussion of the Norwalk Tree Account. Ms. Cruz agreed to present a map of the tree request locations at the next meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legacy Tree Program

Mr. McGoldrick shared a draft form for legacy tree nominations and guidelines for the program. The committee reviewed and discussed the program outline and will continue working on the guidelines and nomination process. Potential trees for nomination on public property were discussed as well.

B. Tree Care Brochure

Ms. Verel and Ms. MacLeod presented updates to the draft tree care brochure. The committee reviewed and discussed updates to the information on the brochure.

C. West Avenue Medians

Ms. Verel and Mr. Viteretto discussed progress on the planting plan for the medians along West Avenue.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Main St Planters

Mr. Viteretto shared information about new potted tree planters on Main St and discussed the use of potted plantings in downtown areas.

B. Wall St Tree Well Plantings

Mr. Viteretto provided an update on groundcover plantings within the public tree wells on Wall St.

VIII. NORWALK TREE ALLIANCE UPDATES

Jeff Scherr provided an update on the Norwalk Tree Alliance's programs and a summary of their planting activities from the spring.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCGOLDRICK MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MS. VEREL SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd