

Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum Commission

Minutes of Special Meeting

October 27, 2025

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, Helen Weingart at 10:00 AM. Present were members Dave Stone and Leslie Ricklin
2. Review of the budget:
 - a. General funds= \$0 as replacement trees were purchased and planted.
 - b. Restricted funds=\$5,789
 - c. Pollinator Pathway funds=\$7,225.00

Discussion followed about the design estimate from EarthTones Nursery which is \$4,500.

D. Stone moved, L. Ricklin seconded to approve the amount of \$4,500 to create a rendered design concept for the Pollinator Project. So moved.

This rendering is essential for grant proposals and fundraising efforts.

D. Stone will contact Lisa at EarthTones to discuss the next stage (estimated at \$9,500) about how it will be billed to the Commission. H. Weingart will contact SustainableCT to explore developing a matching fund process.

D. Stone will follow up with Jordan Lumpkins, Chaplin's grant writer, to plan a meeting with the Commission on or before Nov. 14, about submitting the grant for this project.

3. Meeting was adjourned at 10:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ricklin, Secretary