

Agenda for the 2023 Annual Meeting
CT Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation,
Saturday, April 15, 2023

10:00 am - **Annual Meeting**

Minutes of prior annual meeting

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Committee Reports:

Report by the Outreach and Education Committee (Florian)

- Earth Day at Woodbury, April 22nd
- Science Plant Day at CAES Hamden, August 2nd
- Durham Fair, September 21st -24th

Report by the Research Committee (Florian and Jack)

Ongoing Chestnut Bee Surveys

C. parasitica spore collection at Salem orchard.

Report by the Communications Committee

Update on the newsletter (Florian)

Update on the website (Florian)

Nomination and Election of Directors and Officers

Old Business - GCO signs

New Business – Germplasm Committee

Approximately 11:00 am – “Chestnut Research Update from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station” – Dr. Susanna Keriö, Asst Agricultural Scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will update us on her current research with chestnut trees. Dr. Susanna Keriö is a forest pathologist and a forest ecologist with expertise in disease resistance of trees to fungal pathogens, and the molecular and genetic factors associated with tree-fungus interaction and tree stress responses. Her current research focuses on tree-fungal interactions, tree stress signatures, and their applications in tree care.

12:00 pm – Lunch

12:30 pm -- **Board of Directors Meeting** (Open to all)

Minutes of prior board meeting

Report and approval of Budget

Report and discussion of Orchard Management

Update on the Chestnut Breeding Plan

Breeding Orchards – Final selections at Great Mt. Forest and Salem

Inoculation at Middletown

Collection of pollen at Woodbridge Blight2 rated trees

Seed Orchards - First round of inoculations. Thinning of nonselected plots.

Germplasm Conservation Orchards New Orchard with Denison Homestead.

Continue plantings at Wilton, Woodbridge, and a few replacement plantings at Haddam Neck, Manchester, and Wallingford.

Talks with Ridgefield CC for orchard at McKeon Farm and Northwest Park in Windsor.

Darling 58 Potential Deregulation.

Pollination Workshops this year.

Old Business-

New Business- Germplasm Committee

Gas powered post pounder

Chapter Insurance, renewal of Licensing Agreement with TACF.

TACF 40th Anniversary/Documentary screening