

Academy on the Green Commission

Minutes for a Special Meeting held Friday, May 31, 2019
At the Academy, 2:00 p.m.

Present: Jane Bouley, Donald Gentile, Len Bucher, Bill O'Brien, Albert Russell

A motion was made by Bill O'Brien, seconded by Don Gentile, to accept the minutes of September 21, 2018 as written, voted unanimously.

Treasurer's report- The Town finance office stated there was no change in activity.

Building updates:

New tables were ordered and received. A request for removal of the old tables was sent to Public Works April 22, 2019.

The cellar doors which were allowing water into the cellar alcove have been re-flashed by Scott Denhardt.

No further leaking has been noted in the front hall closet.

Otto Berger, director of town buildings has retired, to date there is no replacement.

Use of Building:

No new requests.

Terms of office:

No appointments for 2019.

Tony Terry and Richard Blacher representing BACA (Branford Arts and Cultural Alliance) and artist Susan Farricielli have made an application to place sculpture on the Branford Green. Two pieces by the artist have been proposed- a low stone sculpture by the garden/bench to the south of the Academy and a taller metal sculpture to the east of the Academy. The group answered questions about the project and its benefit to the community, also concerning placement, liability, and timetable.

After the presentation, the commissioners discussed the application raising concerns about modern sculpture near the historic Academy. It was voted in the affirmative for the placement of the low, stone art piece. The commissioners would like the metal sculpture farther away from the Academy building- 75 feet instead of 50 and before being placed, the artist and BACA representatives should meet with Academy chairman Jane Bouley to discuss exact location. A letter to Tony Terry and the First Selectman will be sent.

Monthly monitoring of the Academy:

June- Don

July- Bill

August- Al

Sept.- Len

October- Jane

November- Don
December- Bill

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted,
Jane Bouley

Commission term of office, 5-year terms:
Jane Bouley 1/30/2023 (Branford Historical Society)
Leonard Bucher 1/30/2024 (Masons)
Donald Gentile 1/30/2022 (At Large)
Albert Russell 1/30/2020 (Congregational Church)
William O'Brien 1/30/2021 (Branford Historical Society)