

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

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PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Bonnie McKirdy, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Laura Noe, Cynde Jasek

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Minutes- Bonnie** moved for the minutes of the October regular meeting be approved said motion being seconded by **Laura**, and after discussion were unanimously approved.
 - b. **Meeting dates-** a list of 2020 meeting dates were distributed and members were encouraged to calendar them accordingly.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** none
 - b. **Articles in the paper-** copies of two articles were distributed, one regarding the Franklin tree planted last spring, the other regarding the tree donated by the Klarman family. It was remarked that we should try to get an article or public service announcement in the paper once per quarter.
 - c. **Status of the Green-** the general condition of the Green was discussed; we noted cars were parked on the Green at a recent Saturday night event (and that cars/trailers/vehicles were on the Green during "*Family Day*" and "*Smile Anyway*"). A request was made for the new Green Use Applications to be used as they contain "no parking" language. Also noted were that the sugar maple by the Academy was removed and *Care of Trees* had begun to implement the care plan as discussed at the Annual Green Walk.
 - d. **Memorial tree donations-** continued discussion of how to recognize contributions in a more public and permanent way, e.g., a plaque in Town Hall etc. A "chip" had been taken from the downed sugar maple, perhaps that could be used as a plaque of some sort.
 - e. **Special Project Status-** *post clock, No Sign Policy, Notable Tree Program*, other matters TBD.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use Applications-** None.
 - b. **Reports-** Pat reported The Garden Club is busy switching out the hanging baskets on the Green for winter baskets.
 - c. **Planting Plans 2020-** discussion regarding four (4) separate matters: i. the *dead dogwood* in back of the Baptist Church needs to be replaced, the plan is to replace it with another dogwood for purposes of symmetry; ii. replacement of the *big sugar maple* that was removed by the Academy. Thought was given to planting a similarly large tree further back from the power lines, with a smaller flowering/decorative tree closer to the corner on South Main and Montowese; iii. replacement of the diseased "*Black Hills*" *white spruce* recently planted

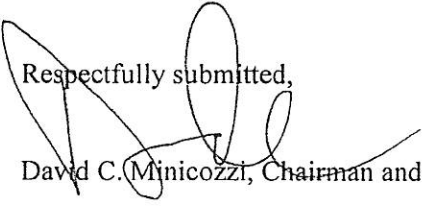
adjacent to Town Hall while it is still under warranty, and; iv. *planting some smaller trees* on the far side of the circular sidewalk adjacent to the Shrub Garden at Main and Montowese. **Dave** emphasized the importance of planning this out: discussion and choice ranges need to be discussed at our December meeting, final choices to be made at our January meeting, and purchase orders made by the Town in February. To that end we will seek a meeting with the appropriate Town officials to discuss an action plan.

- d. **Other-** discussion as to whether our meetings should be moved to the freshly renovated Community House. That is where we used to meet, as we had to relocate when the renovations began. There being general consent to this suggestion, **Dave** will look in to it and report back next meeting.

- e. **Adjourn-** **Pat** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **David Colley**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:21PM.

The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem