

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Amy Graver

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes-** **Dave** made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2021. **Don** seconded the motion and, after due discussion they were unanimously approved.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** various applications for renewal of Committee terms and for new membership were circulated for review.
  - b. **Planting Plan 2021-** a general discussion of where and when to plant in 2021. New trees will be planted in conjunction with Arbor Day: a red maple and Princeton elm to be planted on South Main Street and a Princeton elm to be planted in Section B in back of the Town Hall ("*Treehenge*").
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **Green use applications-** four (4) were submitted: **i.** *Earth Day* for April 17<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Town of Branford, Sustainability and Compliance; **ii.** *National Day of Prayer* for May 6<sup>th</sup> sponsored by an eponymous organization; **iii.** *Powder House Day* for May 8<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard; and **iv.** *Gathering of the Paws* for June 5<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Murphy's Paw Rescue.
  - b. **Reports-** **Pat** reported on the Garden Club and on progress with the GIS map. She also reported that **Abigail York** has taken a position with the Town as the new Inland Wetlands Agent and that she would be working closely with her on the map and other items. **Don** reported that he and **Amy** will reach out to Park n Rec to discuss the Committee's possible involvement in the Holiday Tree Lighting. **Dave** told the Committee he would present the Committee's Annual Report for 2020-2021 at the June meeting.
  - c. **Priorities and summer projects-** in spite of Covid-19 restrictions the Committee should continue its work regarding various priorities and projects: updating its planting plan; developing an exhibit to showcase tree and shrub donations; invite representatives of the *Notable Trees Program* to review our inventory for likely candidates; develop a policy regarding signs and other displays; establish a public archive of Green Committee and other historical records; institute a periodic series on green-related topics in the local press; others prn.
5. **Other-** **Dave** suggested we look in to the possibility of improving the triangular portion of the Green at the western tip of Section D; **Pat** questioned whether it was appropriate to plant an elm tree by the bus stop as the roots may not fit such a small area, and it was remarked that perhaps a "*vingnette*" be installed there similar to the one recently planted at the corner of Main and Cedar

Streets; general discussion on whether to have a mini-Green Walk to obtain a comprehensive overview of the proposed Planting Plan, meeting date TBD.

6. **Adjourn-** upon motion by **Dave** and seconded by **Pat**, after due discussion the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:22PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30PM*

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem