

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HELD MAY 7th, 2021**

PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Cynde Jasek
GUEST: First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:45PM

2. **Proposed Planting Plan-**
Part I- Section B/Behind Town Hall- The newly planted Princeton Elm was reviewed and judged to be a good fit in "*The Land of the Giants*" a/k/a "*Treehenge*." A proposal was made to plant a cedar (Eastern Red or equivalent) to the left of Town Hall adjacent to the white pine that is to be removed. A further proposal was made to plant three (3) London plane/sycamores along Taintor Drive in line with the two existing sycamores lying at either end of Taintor Drive. A third proposal was made, conditions permitting, to plant an additional sycamore on the far side of the existing sycamore at the top of Taintor Drive adjacent to the Congregational Church. A motion to approve this plan was made by **Don**, seconded by **Pat**, and approved unanimously after discussion of same.

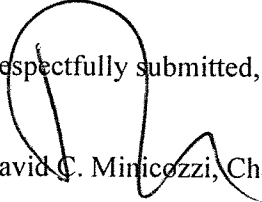
Part II- Section A/In Front of Town Hall- **Jamie** discussed a plan to move some of the benches facing Main Street to Town Hall Drive and keep them facing Main Street, then plant large trees along Main Street to replace the benches. Also, to replace the asphalt walkway along Town Hall Drive with brick pavers and granite curbing, and possibly installing lighting along that stretch. Also, to move the mailbox from its existing spot to an area adjacent to the historic "Branford" sign. Finally, to remove the dead tree at #35. All by way of making that stretch of Town Hall Drive amenable to the planting of trees along the new sidewalk, most likely mid-sized street trees such as black gum/tupelo and Red Rocket Red Maple. This proposal will be taken up by the Committee at its June 8th meeting.

Any new tree will most likely be planted in the autumn due to the current drought-like conditions, and also to allow for the replacement of the sidewalk and rearrangement of hardware along Town Hall Drive.

3. **Adjourn-** upon motion by **Cynde** and seconded by **David Colley**, after due discussion the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 8th at 5:30PM at the new Community House, room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem