

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*), Bonnie McKirdy, Pat Sanders, Cynde Jasek, Susan McNamara

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:54PM
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes-** **Cynde** made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2021. **Pat** seconded the motion and, after due discussion they were unanimously approved.
  - b. **Correspondence-** letter from Academy Commission member **Jane Bouley** as discussed below.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Status of the Green-** the False Cypress Garden is in need of weeding; discussion of when the BACA garbage pails and the two art pieces will be removed.
  - a. **Planting Plan 2021-** a general discussion of where and when to plant in 2021-2022. Trees to be planted along Town Hall Drive will be a combination of Rocket Red Maple and tupelo/black gum, similar to the Community Forestry Commission's ("CFC") plantings along Main Street in front of Richlin. The question is how many to plant, and it was recommended we observe the spacing of the aforementioned CFC plan.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **Green Use Applications-** in lieu of new applications Trista sent a calendar of events scheduled for July through October, which calendar was reviewed by the Committee. Included on the calendar are Community Garden's *Plant and Produce Sale* on 8/21; Wreaths Across America's *Mini Golf Event* on 9/18; BACA *Annual Art Show* 9/24&25; Blackstone Library's *Annual Book Sale* 10/1-3; Compassion Club's *Animal Awareness Day* 10/3; MADD's *Walk Like MADD Event* 10/9; *Scarecrow's on the Green* 10/15-11/2.
  - b. **Reports-** **Pat** reported the Garden Club's *Annual Plant Sale* will be held on the Green 8/21 beginning at 9:30AM. She also reported that the GIS map inventory is now 99.9% accurate. She discussed how she may be able to tie in the map with the *Picture This* app. We also reviewed and discussed **Pat's** 8/4 email to **Abby York** regarding details of the *Town Green Tree Inventory and Aerial Map*. **Pat** and **Dave** look forward to meeting with **Gary Zielinski** to review the map and coordinate it with the ongoing Planting Plan. **Dave** reported he has been in touch with **Jeff Suraci** of the *Connecticut Notable Trees Program* to arrange a walk of the Green and update the inventory of Notable Trees.
  - c. **Priorities and summer projects-** the following priorities and projects were discussed: **i.** updating and monitoring the various planting plans; **ii.** de-signing of South Main Street was discussed. **Susan McNamara** considered attending a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners *Traffic Committee* to make inquiry on this issue.

5. **Other-** **i. Pat** distributed a website address ([www.naturewalk@yale.edu/trees](http://www.naturewalk@yale.edu/trees)) which enables anyone to take a tree walk of designated areas in New Haven. She will try to find a contact at the Yale School of Forestry to see if some interns would like to develop a similar program in Branford; **ii.** a letter and photographs from *Academy Commission* member **Jane Bouley** was presented. **Jane** asked that the Committee address certain issues at its *Annual Green Walk* this September: that an Eastern Arborvitae be trimmed away from the Academy; that the vine growing through the Arborvitae be removed; that the dogwood on the side of the Academy be trimmed away from the building. **Dave** will forward these materials to *Davey Tree Service* for consideration; **iii.** **Dave** presented an article from *The Patch* entitled "Route 146 'Management Plan' Would Protect Treasured Road." The Plan will affect South Main Street since it the very beginning portion of the Route 146 Scenic Highway Corridor. **Dave** hoped a Committee member would act as a point of contact with the developers of the Plan to ensure we obtain first-hand information regarding same
  
6. **Adjourn-** upon motion by **Cynde** and seconded by **Bonnie**, after due discussion the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:34PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30PM*

Respectfully submitted,

  
David C. Miniccozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem