

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

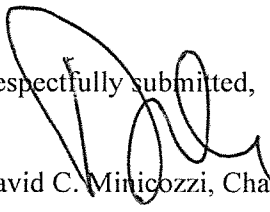
PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Cynde Jasek, Susan Rood and Susan Mcnamara

GUESTS: First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove and Cameron Pierce

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:45PM
2. **Annual Tree Walk-** Please see the attached summary dated September 28, 2022. In addition, **Dave** presented **Jamie** with a "Certificate of Thanks" for his work in securing a *STEAP Grant* for the improvement of Section "A" of the Green. Jamie reviewed the general purpose of the grant monies and how they will be used to improve the Green; **Cameron** suggested the new Christmas tree be treated with an anti-dessicant/systemic insecticide; there was an all around agreement that the dogwood in back of the Baptist Church was not thriving and should be replaced, perhaps with a red maple; we covered all four sections of the Green and the meeting stretched almost two hours.
3. **Adjourn-** we lost a quorum toward the end of the Walk but the meeting broke up c.6:30.

The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 5:30PM at the new Community House, room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,


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Annual Walk Follow Up

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Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 5:36 PM

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Hi All,

Thank you so much for your attendance Monday. We really learned a lot. We were especially fortunate to have Jamie there to explain about the STEAP ("Small Town Economic Assistance Program") grant recently awarded to us to make improvements to the Green. More on that later.

Here are some highlights of the walk:

An irrigation system will be installed on the front part (Section A) of the Green.

Per Cameron any elms to be planted going forward should be "Patriot" not "Princeton."

Those 7 members in attendance all agreed it's ok to plant London plane trees along Taintor Drive adjacent to the Congregational Church in lieu of sycamores. The reason being sycamores are hard to find and we don't want to wait forever to find them. Pat I know you were going to ask your contact about sycamores. But unless we can get an answer quickly I believe we need to take action. I will ask Gary if we can get them (London plane or sycamore) planted before it gets too cold.

At the very end of the walk it was just me, Don, Cynde and Cameron. Cameron thought the dogwood near the eastern redbud (on S. Main in back of Baptist Church) was in steep decline and suggested we remove and replace it. We thought that stretch of road could use a big street tree, perhaps another red maple. We can discuss further at our October meeting.

We will ask Gary to clean up and grind the stump of the storm damaged beech next to Baptist Church and plant the white oak before it gets too cold.

I spoke with Jamie yesterday regarding possible improvement of the triangular portion of the Green where the road splits at South Main and Main. He liked the idea of cleaning it up and beautifying it. Possibly installing nice granite curbs, shrubs, a "Welcome to Branford" sign. He said the money is there so if we want that we should ask for it. I suggested we need to engage the services of a landscape architect as an outside consultant. I have someone in mind and will reach out to her.

Remember our next meeting is Tuesday October 11 at 5:30PM. I will ask Jamie to attend so we can get a better idea of what's in store going forward.

Best,