

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD JULY 10, 2018**

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

ABSENT: MaryAnn Hall, Amy Graver

VACANCY: First Baptist Church

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes-** **Bonnie** moved to accept the meeting minutes for the regular meeting of June 12, **David Colley** seconded and they were unanimously approved. **Pat** moved accept the minutes of the special meeting of June 28, **David Colley** seconded and they were unanimously approved.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **New trees & garden update-** the new trees are doing well and seem to be thriving. **Diana Ross** has been and will continue to be consulted requiring their care and maintenance. **Dave** again distributed the quote from Van Wilgen's regarding the proposed false cypress garden. Issues as to when it will be installed; who will care for it; will we have a dedication ceremony and who will be invited to it etc.
 - b. **Special projects update-**
 - i. GIS mapping:* **Pat** reported that **Jane Bouley** turned materials over to her so **Pat** can follow up on same, and **Pat** also met with **Diana Ross** to begin engaging in the process;
 - ii. Memorial tree plaque:* **Don** suggested a wedge-shaped piece of the maple tree by the bus kiosk be used as a memorial plaque, he and/or **Dave** will follow up on that;
 - iii. Tower clock:* in **Amy's** absence **Dave** suggested this matter be pursued throughout this year in terms of determining the make/model of clock, placement of same, cost, and in general pursue the process and keep this on the front burner;
 - iv. Green informational guide:* **Laura** will follow up accordingly.
 - c. **Parking-** it was noted the Town, operators of the Branford Festival and others did a great job preventing parking on the Green during the recent Branford Festival. **Dave** sent certificates of thanks to **Jamie Cosgrove**, **Gary Zielinski** of Public Works, **Alex Palluzzi** of Park'nRec, **Kris Klarman** of the Branford Festival Committee and **Sheri Cote** of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce. It was suggested maps of available parking be posted on websites for the Town, Branford Festival and Jazz Festival and also be posted in event materials and advertising.
 - d. **Policies and guidelines update-**
 - i.* the proposed new *Green Use Application & Guidelines* were sent to **Jamie Cosgrove** in May, **Dave** noted they have not been implemented and the old application and guidelines are still being used. **Dave** reported a public official recently criticized our application as being antiquated, not knowing we recently updated it. **Dave** will bring this to the attention of the First Selectman and let him know about this unfortunate incident;
 - ii.* the *tree donation program* was discussed, **Don** will follow up appropriately. Issues to be resolved include the First Selectman's role in deciding what trees may be planted on the Green, the mechanics of donations, factors to be considered in whether to accept or reject a tree or donation, and the

importance of obtaining feedback on this policy's revision from **Diana Ross** and **Jamie Cosgrove**.

4. New Business:

- a. **Green Use Applications-** applications for the following events were circulated: i. "The Free Keys Project" run by Greg Noble through September 2; and ii. Shoreline Arts Alliance "Hamlet Abridged" on August 3.
 - b. **Annual Green Walk- Bonnie** volunteered to arrange this matter, to be held in late September or early October. TBD further at our September meeting.
 - c. **Green Committee Annual Report for 2017-2018-** distributed for review prior to our meeting, **Laura** moved it be accepted, **David Colley** seconded and after due discussion was unanimously approved. **Dave** will forward it to the First Selectman.
 - d. **Reports: Updates, Garden Club etc.- Pat** reported the Garden Club will hold a flower show in Stony Creek over Columbus Day Weekend. The show will have a number of moving parts (e.g., fundraiser, flower show and annotated walk) in a number of venues including the Stony Creek Museum. **Dave** reported the First Selectman seeks the Committee's input on the ideas of planting shade trees in back of the false cypress; the installation of a tree/trees in the area opened up by the removal of the blue spruce; and the replacement of the maple near the bus kiosk.
- 5. Other- Laura** offered to look in to ideas to beautify the portable restrooms and the back of the stage and also raised the idea of a "First Amendment Wall." **Dave** distributed an updated *Green Committee Manual* which includes important materials for all Committee members to be fully engaged. He also distributed a number of maps of the Green, and a number of items of historic interest to give the Committee a frame of reference as to where we are and how we got here.

Laura made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by **Pat** and unanimously approved. The meeting then adjourned at 5:45 PM.

The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.

THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST MEETING

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem