

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Cynde Jasek

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Minutes- Pat** moved for the minutes of the June regular meeting be approved, said motion being seconded by **David**, and after discussion were unanimously approved.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** none
 - b. **Status of the Green-** a review of the Green ensued beginning with South Main Street: one of the new dogwoods in back of the Baptist Church has died, and it was agreed a dogwood should replace it, question of whether it should be the same species for symmetry's sake; a watering plan for the 3 new trees in back of the Congregational Church was discussed; the False Cypress garden looks great but needs weeding, and **Dave** appealed to the Committee to pitch in when they can to weed, and **Pat** mentioned that perhaps Garden Club members can do some weeding when they are working on the *Mae McCabe Garden*; the stand of trees in back of the False Cypress garden (black cherry/cypress etc.) has been weeded, groomed and mulched by a mystery gardener; a large new American flag now flies from the flagpole adjacent to the Academy; the 2 sugar maples along Montowese Street are looking sad, and one of them needs to be looked at in terms of whether it is replacement time; 2 Bradford pears near the Circle Garden had to be removed as they were showing signs of breaking apart; the Green in general has bounced back from the Branford Festival, and the *No Parking* policy was thoroughly enforced during the Festival and that was great news.
 - c. **Status of Town Hall/generator planting plan-** **Bonnie** submitted a report prior to the meeting indicating Trinity Church will coordinate their plan with that of Town Hall after the church renovation project has been completed.
 - d. **Memorial Tree donation-** Suggestion that we have a photo op at the new red maple tree with the Klarman Family later this summer, date TBD.
 - e. **Special Project Status-** *i. historic walking tours/post clock/tree-saving sidewalks-* tabled until future meetings. It was reported that East Haven's post clock is about to be unveiled in front of the *Hagan Memorial Library*, and the hope was that Branford will proceed to obtain one also; *ii. Green Tree Walks:* the walk scheduled for July 13th was cancelled and hopefully will be held later this year. **Dave** opined that the walk held in June was well done, and that **Pat** should be commended for her hard work and dedication to the project, and that Committee members should endeavor to attend such events to a. support the Garden Club and b. to learn as much as possible about the Green; *iii. No Sign Policy:* such a policy is in the drafting stage.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Green Use Applications-** none received from the Town. It was noted that a number of events have been advertised/seen in the paper for which an application has not been received.
- b. **Reports-** a draft of the Committee's 2018-2019 *Annual Report* was submitted for review and discussion. **David** made a motion to approve the *Report*, **Pat** seconded and after discussion it was unanimously approved. It will be submitted to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the Town's *Annual Report*.
- c. **Annual Green Walk- Bonnie** is working with *Care of Trees* to schedule the walk for the latter half of September and will hopefully have a firm date before our September meeting.
- d. **2019 Priorities/Annual Report for 2018-2019-** tabled to next meeting.
- e. **Other-** i. **Amy** previously suggested that a Committee member attend the *Town Center Merchant meetings* held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30AM as many of their topics impact the Green, location TBD; ii. *BACA Art Application-* no news on that topic.
- f. **Adjourn-** **Cynde** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Pat**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:01PM

The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.

THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST MEETING

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Minicuzzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem