

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

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

**GUESTS:** Members of Branford Arts and Cultural Alliance (“BACA”)

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes- Bonnie** moved for the minutes of the July regular meeting be approved, said motion being seconded by **Don**, and after discussion were unanimously approved.
  - b. **Membership-** at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held June 5, 2019 the Board unanimously reappointed **Dr. David P. Colley, Bonnie McKirdy** and **Cynthia Jasek** to serve on the Green Committee. Their terms will expire May 31, 2022. **Dave** pointed out this meeting marks the first time in a long time we went an entire year with no turnover of membership.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** none
  - b. **Status of the Green-** one of the new dogwoods in back of the Baptist Church has died, and it was agreed a dogwood should replace it, the general consensus was it should be the same species for symmetry's sake; 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; question of whether some type of replacements should be planted in that area; the *No Parking* policy was generally enforced throughout the summer; it was noted that the back of the stage had been removed and has opened up and improved the site line from the corner of Main & Montowese to the Town Hall.
  - c. **Memorial Tree donation-** a photo op by *The Sound* and concurrent ceremony has been planned to celebrate the new red maple tree donated by the Klarman Family at 4:15PM September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - d. **Annual Tree Walk-** will be held 4:30PM September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All Committee members are expected to attend. **Bonnie** arranged the walk and has sent out invitations to all interested parties.
  - e. **Special Project Status-** *i. post clock-* an article from the *East Haven Courier* was distributed in which it was reported a post clock was installed by the East Haven Rotary Club in front of the Hagaman Memorial Library. Other projects were tabled until future meetings; *ii. No Sign Policy:* such a policy is in the drafting stage.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Green Use Applications-** an application was received from The Branford Education Foundation for the Annual Arts & Antiques Show for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. An updated List of Events for 2019 was distributed.
- b. **Reports- Pat** reported the Garden Club will hold their annual Scarecrows on the Green event October 19-November 5. The Club will also have a picnic on the Green Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **2019/2020 Priorities-** tabled to next meeting.
- d. **Other- Laura** informed the Committee of the RTM's plan to consider an "Ordinance Re: Tree Warden & Public Tree Protection in Branford." The draft ordinance was previously distributed to Committee members, who were asked to review and opine on the matter.
- e. **BACA Art Application-** members of BACA (**Anthony Terry** and **Richard Blatcher**) presented their application for temporary structures on the Green. The structures are composed of two separate sculptures created by **Susan Farricielli**, also in attendance. Both pieces will be visible from the sidewalks and streets along Montowese and South Main with one each on either side of the Academy. It was noted that prior approval of the application was received by the Academy Commission and the three churches on the Green. It remains to be seen whether the application was approved by the Revitalization Review Board. The Committee was assured the pieces would be removed some time in Spring 2020 before The Branford Festival. BACA expressed the hope this would be the first of a number of applications for future installations. It was made clear to them that each application would be handled on a case-by-case basis. **Dave** made a motion to approve the application and **Cynde** seconded. After much discussion the motion passed with five (5) yeas and one (1) abstention.
- f. **Adjourn- Cynde** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Laura**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem