

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:43
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Minutes-** there being no quorum, the minutes were passed until February's meeting.
 - b. **Attendance-** **Dave** emphasized the importance of attendance of Committee meetings, and also asked members to calendar meeting dates per the list of dates he previously distributed.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** none
 - b. **Status of the Green-** the general condition of the Green was discussed. The Green was well cleaned up after the *First Night* event.
 - c. **Memorial tree donations-** A suggestion was made that a good location would be the wall adjacent to the staircase in the Town Hall foyer. **Dave** will reach out to **Laura** to see if she can follow up on this suggestion.
 - d. **Special Project Status-** *1. post clock:* the Branford Community Foundation ("BCF") grant application previously supplied by **Laura** was reviewed. **Don** will follow up on same and report back at February's meeting; *ii. No Sign Policy:* **Dave** continues to work on same; *iii. Notable Tree Program* (see below) and other matters TBD.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use Applications-** none presented. However, **Shirley McCarthy** approached the Committee regarding a woman who wants to present an Earth Day event on the Green. Committee discussed the possibility of having her include a "*Clean the Green Day*" component to her event.
 - b. **Reports-** none presented.
 - c. **Planting Plans 2020-** the following plan was discussed in the following priority: **i.** replacement of the diseased "*Black Hills*" *white spruce* recently planted adjacent to Town Hall. **Dave** will reach out to **Cameron** from *Care of Trees* to be sure **Jamie** has been contacted for approval; **ii.** planting of a *white oak* adjacent to the Academy. Planting to coincide with the Academy Commission's wish to plant an oak tree in commemoration of the State Charter Oak Tree. A smaller tree (apple serviceberry, see below) to be planted closer to the corner. A May planting would be preferable; **iii.** planting 3-4 smaller trees (apple serviceberry/*Amelanchier x grandiflora*) in a semi-circle adjacent to the Shrub Garden at the corner of Main and Montowese; and **iv.** the *dead dogwood* in back of the Baptist Church needs to be replaced, the plan is to replace it with another dogwood for purposes of

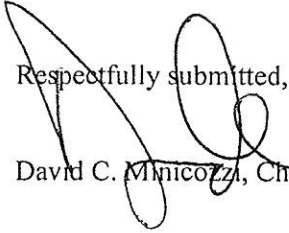
symmetry, planting to be done in the general area although not exactly where it is now. Consultations with **Cameron** and various officials TBD, the hope is to make final decisions at February's meeting so the Town can place purchase orders in time for spring planting.

- d. **Other-** Priorities for 2020 were discussed. Specifically: guest speakers, e.g., **Alex, Jamie** etc.; re-booting of the *Notable Tree Program* to update the catalogue of trees on the Green; address the issue of *portable toilets* on the Green; **Amy** will present our meeting minutes to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to keep them advised of our activities; update the *GPS map* of the Green.

- e. **Adjourn-** the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Mimicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem