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**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 9, 2018**

PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), Jim MacBride, Jane Bouley, Don Gentile, David Colley,
Tammy Becker, Bonnie McKirdy

ABSENT: Pat Sanders, Maryanne Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:** Approval of the November and December minutes were postponed as this January's meeting was a "special meeting." **Dave** explained the meaning of a "special meeting" and what business can and cannot be transacted at such meetings.
3. **Tree Location Sub-Committee Report-** discussion ensued regarding follow up on December's meeting. **Dave** brought the Committee up to speed on plans to plant six (6) trees on the Green in the spring: one to replace the tree recently removed from in front of Trinity Church; one to replace a cherry tree recently removed on Main Street; one on Blackstone Avenue near the corner of South Main Street; and three on South Main Street between Blackstone Avenue and the large cherry tree.
4. **Plan of Conservation and Development ("POCD")-** **Dave** presented a draft a 2-page summary to be submitted in preparation for the meeting. The draft was circulated among the Committee members for their input. Jim moved the draft be approved by the Committee; Jane seconded the motion; there was discussion regarding changes to be made to the draft, which **Dave** would take in to account; and the draft was subsequently approved unanimously subject to those suggested changes.
5. **Garden Club Report:** **Pat** was not present so no report was made. However, **Pat** did contact **Dave** to let him know she would invite Tony Nardella to be a guest at one of our upcoming meetings.
6. **Committee Priorities for 2018-** **Dave** distributed a list of Committee priorities for 2018 for discussion. The list was used to brainstorm ideas which included: updating and codifying Committee polices regarding use of the Green, the placement of structures/monuments/signage on the Green, parking of motor vehicles etc.; improving our media presence including that of Facebook; continuation of "Clean the Green Day"; beautifying the area adjacent to the false cypress; obtaining regular reports from Public Works and Parks'n'Rec; continuing efforts to beautify the portable restroom facilities and the surrounding area; working with the *Connecticut Notable Trees Program* to identify and protect special trees on the Green; continue to update the GIS/Tree Mapping Project; monitor the proposed round-a-bout, Plan of Conservation and Development, and Transit Oriented Development; continue to engage in any improvements to the Main Street Treescape.

Specific suggestions were made regarding at least two matters:

- a. that we meet with the First Selectman on a quarterly or other regular basis to maintain dialogue and avoid the emergent nature of some of the issues we deal with in order to avoid surprises; and

- b. develop a working understanding of what a “scenic highway” is. The thought being South Main Street is designated a “scenic highway” by the State but no one seems to know what that means in terms of what the Town can and cannot do along that strip of road.

There being no further business **Tammy** moved that the meeting be adjourned, **Bonnie** seconded the motion, and after discussion the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:30PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on
Tuesday, February 13th 2018 at 4:30PM at
the **Branford Fire Department Headquarters.**
This will be a “regular meeting.”*

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem