

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

**RECEIVED**

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

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**ABSENT:** Maryanne Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Approval of Minutes:** **Jane** moved to accept the meeting minutes for November and December 2017 and January 2018, **Pat** seconded and they were unanimously approved as a group.
  - b. **Jane** tendered her resignation from the Committee to become effective at the end of her current term, May 31, 2018; thought given to **Don** taking her place as Academy representative; **Dave** has someone in mind to fill the "at large" position currently occupied by **Don**.
  - c. **Definition of a "quorum"**- **Dave** voiced concern regarding the ability to conduct Committee business in the event of numerous vacant seats or long term absences. He wrote to the Town Clerk for advice and will report back at the next meeting.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence:** none.
  - b. **Tree Location Sub-Committee-** the tree location map previously provided by Diana Ross was circulated. The Committee was brought up to date on the plans to plant six (6) new trees on the Green in the spring. **Dave** circulated a "Tree Planting 2018" list obtained from Diana and will follow up with her for the next meeting.
  - c. **POCD-** **Dave** provided a report of his and other Committee members' attendance at recent POCD Steering Committee meetings. At one meeting he presented the Committee's "Summary of Topics" dated January 3, 2018. At a subsequent meeting he made a presentation in opposition to a proposal to expand sidewalks on the Green for the entire length of South Main Street.
  - d. **Green Use Applications-** presentation was given of whatever new applications have been made since our last meeting.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **Clean the Green Day-** the Committee agreed it was a good idea to repeat the event this year. The target date is April 21<sup>st</sup> as Earth Day is the same weekend. **Tammy** will approach Rev. Sharon Gracen to see if Trinity Church is still interested in co-hosting the event.
  - b. **Garden Club Report:** **Pat** reported the Club is in the process of choosing "Community Garden" award recipients for both business and residential.

- c. **Christmas Tree on the Green-** Dave relayed reports of complaints given to Diana Ross regarding the condition of the Christmas tree on the Green. Consensus of the Committee was there is nothing fundamentally wrong with the tree; there is no need to remove it; whatever shape it is in adds character to the Green; and that whatever action/inaction is taken will be met with complaints anyway. **Dave** will approach Diana regarding the possibility of planting an additional tree as a backup and to allow it time to grow in the event the current tree becomes obsolete.
- d. **Update/codification of Committee policies and procedures-** tabled to a future meeting.
- e. **Committee Priorities 2018-** tabled to a future meeting.

5. **Other-**

- a. **Commemorative Markers-** in lieu of such items being placed on the Green, e.g., a marker to commemorate the “Winnifred Judge Garden,” perhaps a space can be found in Town Hall to display such items. **Pat** and **Dave** will look in to this and report back.
- b. **Reports from Public Works and Park n Rec-** **Bonnie** will approach Alex Palluzzi and Gary Zielinski to obtain periodic reports of those departments’ activities on the Green.
- c. **Nardella Turf Care-** **Pat** has invited Anthony Nardella as a guest at our March meeting.
- d. **Parking on the Green-** a letter was presented from *Care of Trees* indicating “*It is extremely advisable that cars and other vehicles do not drive or park on any sections of the Town Green.*” **Dave** forwarded a copy of the letter to Selectman Cosgrove and will follow up with him to obtain feedback on the matter.
- e. **“Scenic Highways” Law-** **Dave** circulated a copy (provided by **Jane**) of Public Act No. 87-280 regarding “*An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Transportation to Designate State Highways as Scenic Roads.*” This in regard to previous discussion of South Main Street’s designation as a “scenic highway” and what that means in terms of the Town’s and State’s ability to do/not do particular acts along that stretch of road. Thought was given to approaching an appropriate State official to attend as a guest to educate the Committee on this issue.
- f. **Public Relations-** discussions had regarding placement of articles in various publications on topics such as the “Notable Trees” program, parking on the Green and other salient topics.

**Dave** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by **Bonnie**, seconded by **Tammy** and unanimously approved. The meeting then adjourned at 5:40PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.*

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem