

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

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PRESENT: David Minicozzi, Bonnie McKirdy, Jim MacBride, David Colley,
Donald Gentile, Tammy Becker

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
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ABSENT: Jane Bouley, Maryanne Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM.
2. **Secretary: David M.** took on the role of Secretary Pro Tem.
3. **Approval of Minutes: David Colley** moved to accept the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes and **Bonnie** seconded. After due discussion the motion was then unanimously approved.
4. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Winnifred Judge's** resignation letter was circulated and a search for her replacement as the Garden Club's representative will begin. It was noted **Winnifred** was instrumental in the establishment of the Green Committee (est. July 2001) and served as its first Chairman until her resignation from that post in/about 2013. **Don** made a motion that he purchase a flower arrangement for **Winnifred** with such purchase to be reimbursed to him by the Committee members on a pro rata basis. **David M.** seconded the motion which was then, after due deliberation, unanimously approved.
5. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence: David M.** distributed copies of "Thank You" letters and certificates sent to **Alex Paluzzi** (Director of Parks and Recreation), **Tom Brennan** (former Director of Public Works) and **Stephanie Linke** (Director, Child Development Center, First Congregational Church) for their dedication to the wellbeing of the Branford Green.
 - b. **Garden Club:** no report given; the next report will be at the beginning of spring.
 - c. **Public Restrooms: Don** gave a report on progress with this on-going project. He brought to the Committee's attention the newly-announced Stony Creek restrooms. It was remarked that the Green deserved the same quality of facilities if not better. It was suggested that the Stony Creek facilities caught on because they had the full support of the Office of The First Selectman and that **Don**/the Committee should seek the same backing. **Don** was asked to engage in further discussions with **Alex** and invite him to speak at our March 14th meeting.
 - d. **Irrigation- Bonnie** discussed her efforts to bring irrigation to the front portion of the Green. It was suggested that the Official Town Report on "*Care and Use of the Green*" be used as empirical evidence of the need for irrigation. As with the Stony Creek restrooms, it may be the only way to obtain irrigation is to acquire the full backing of the Office of The First Selectman.
6. **Public Relations:** None.

7. **New Business:**

- a. **“Clean the Green Day,” Saturday, April 22nd** (no rain date)- **Tammy** volunteered to take charge of this, the second year of the event. She will coordinate with **Rev. Sharon Gracen** of Trinity Church, and with **Maryanne Hall** of the Branford Land Trust (which simultaneously runs “Rid Litter Day” town-wide that same day). Duties include liaison with the Church and the Land Trust; public relations including a photo op/public service announcements (“PSA”) in advance of the event; other matters particular to the event. **Tammy** will consult with **David M.** who acted in this capacity in 2016.
- b. **Social Media-** **Tammy** will manage the Committee’s Facebook page and consult with **David M.** regarding the administration thereof. The hope is to post information which is useful and interesting to the public, e.g., the continued beautification of the South Main Street side of the Green, “Clean the Green Day” etc. Every Committee member with a Facebook page is encouraged to “like” our page and invite others to “like” it as well.
- c. **Meeting with First Selectman-** **David M.** announced the periodic meeting of stakeholders with the First Selectman would be held Thursday, February 23 at 10AM. He asked the Committee to provide him a list of thoughts and concerns to be presented at the meeting.
- d. **Long Range Plans-** **David M.** distributed a list of “long range plans” to be considered by the Committee for future discussion.

David M. asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was made by **Don**, seconded by **Jim** and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2016 at 4:30PM** at the **Branford Fire Department Headquarters.***

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi

Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem