

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Maryanne Hall, Bonnie McKirdy,  
Don Gentile, Amy Graver,

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**ABSENT:** Pat Sanders, Laura Noe, Cynthia Jasek

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes-** Minutes of January 2019 meeting could not be voted on, this being a “special meeting” because the regular meeting of February 12, 2019 was cancelled due to weather.
  - b. **Meeting dates-** a list of the Committee’s meeting dates for 2019 was distributed and it was emphasized that everyone should calendar them.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** consideration of sending a letter to the *Branford 375<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee* suggesting the celebration might be a good backdrop to spruce up the Green and make some changes.
  - b. **Status of the Green-** general discussion regarding topical issues including replacement of the blue spruce at B51 (Green walk minutes indicate this is a TBD issue); **Diana Ross** confirmed the spring planting plan: 3 trees along South Main Street in back of the Congregational Church (London plane, beech, non-sugar maple), and a red maple near the bus stop at the corner of Main and Montowese; the letter to Toad’s Place nightclub regarding posters on the bus kiosk went unanswered.
  - c. **Status of Town Hall/generator planting plan-** a map and accompanying literature of the plan were obtained from Selectman Cosgrove and distributed to the Committee. General discussion ensued. Remarks of whether certain plantings were appropriate. The Plan was referred to the Garden Club for review and comment. In addition is the issue of whether/when a spruce tree will be included in the Plan.
  - d. **Special Project Status-**
    - i. Post Clock:* as a follow up to January’s discussion of same it was decided there are many moving parts to be discussed, e.g., sources and timing of funding, type of design, municipal approvals etc., **Amy** will look in to them and report back accordingly;
    - ii. Tree & Shrub Donation Policy:* discussion centered on how to recognize donations. **Don** will approach the Town website manager for ideas on placing an on-line application with a link to a possible Green Committee page;
    - iii. tree-saving sidewalks-* **Cynthia**’s research was discussed, to be discussed further at the next meeting;
    - iv. historic walking tours-* **Don** discussed plans in the works.

4. **New Business:**

a. **Green Use Applications-**

i. presented for *National Day of Prayer* on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; *Tabor Blues Jam* on June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>; *Friends of Blackstone Library Book Sale* for September 26-29 (stage requested)\*; *Second Company Governor's Foot Guard* for September 14<sup>th</sup>; Branford Garden Club *Scarecrows on the Green* October 18-November 5.

\***Dave** reported the *Book Sale* may also hold a revival of *Books, Barbecue & Blues* featuring a band and food (it should be noted the original *BB&B* on library grounds featured the serving of beer, query whether this will become an issue in light of the "no alcohol" policy for the Green).

ii. **Branford Arts and Cultural Alliance ("BACA")** *Sculpture Installations in Public Spaces*. An application was submitted but was vague on details. BACA will be asked to submit a workable and fully thought out application for discussion at a future meeting; if the Committee is satisfied the application meets certain threshold specifications, BACA representatives may be invited to attend a meeting to present their ideas and take questions.

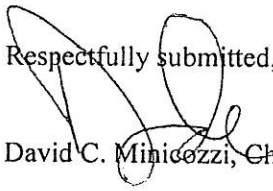
iii. **Green Use Applications & Guidelines-** discussion of whether and when the Town will ever use the proposed new application form and guidelines.

b. **Priorities-** a list of "Priorities 2019" was briefly discussed, many of which are addressed above.

c. **Adjourn-** **David** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Bonnie**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:45PM

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem