

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD MARCH 12, 2019**

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PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Maryanne Hall, Bonnie McKirdy,
Pat Sanders, Cynde Jasek

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ABSENT: Don Gentile, Amy Graver, Laura Noe

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Minutes- David Colley** moved for the minutes of the January regular meeting and February 19th "special" meeting be approved, said motion being seconded by **Pat**, and after discussion were unanimously approved.
 - b. **Terms of Office- Dave** suggested those whose terms of office expire May 31st (**David Colley, Bonnie & Cynde**) take steps in May to renew their terms of office by writing to the First Selectman requesting reappointment, assuming they still wish to serve on the Committee.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** none.
 - b. **Status of the Green-** Discussion of Trinity Church's renovation project; recommendation of the Church renovation committee is for the white birch tree to the right of the Church entrance be removed and replaced; **Dave** made a motion that the Committee support the Church's decision to remove the tree and be replaced with something else TBD, **Bonnie** seconded the motion which after discussion was unanimously approved.
 - c. **Status of Town Hall/generator planting plan-** The Plan was referred to the Garden Club for review and comment at April's meeting. Issue of whether the tree warden's opinion regarding same should be solicited, and what Nardella's or anyone else's role will be in the project's after-care/maintenance program.
 - d. **Green planting plan- Diana Ross** reported to **Dave** that bids will go out soon for the London plane, beech and two (2) red maples. Discussion of possible replacement of the Blue Spruce at B51 (see minutes of October 2018 Green Walk), the sugar maples on Montowese adjacent to the Academy, and the white pine adjacent to the amphitheater on back of Town Hall.
 - e. **Special Project Status-** *i. Tree & Shrub Donation Policy:* **David Colley** moved that the policy drafted by **Don** be approved subject to development of methods to recognize donations, motion seconded by **Cynde** and approved unanimously. **Dave** pointed out that the policy/application was posted on the Town website for ease of use and educational purposes and the Committee was most appreciative of **Don's** work regarding this project; *ii. historic walking tours/post clock/tree-saving sidewalks-* tabled until future meetings; *iii. Green tree walk:* **Pat** said her daughter has offered to conduct such walks periodically this summer, details TBD.

4. **New Business:**

a. **Green Use Applications-**

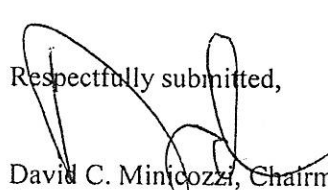
i. presented by the Solid Waste Management Commission for "Keep Branford Litter Free" event April 27th; by Branch 19 NALC (?) for "Food Drive Kickoff" event May 10th; Branford Park 'n' Rec for the "Branford Jazz Concert Series" June 27, July 11/18/25, and August 1/8/15/22/29; and Oh Ya Festival "Community Building" event August 24th. In addition The Friends of Blackstone Library are partnering with Branford Community Gardens, Branford Garden Club, Branford Compassion Club and Branford Land Trust for a "mini book sale" May 18th, Green Use Application to be forthcoming.

ii. **Green Use Applications & Guidelines-** discussion of whether and when the Town will ever use the proposed new application form and guidelines approved in 2018.

- b. **Reports-** i. *Park 'n' Rec-* **Bonnie** presented **Alex Palluzzi's** report which indicates no anticipated changes from years past or special projects for the future. **Bonnie** will invite **Alex** to the April meeting to discuss his department's role in caring for and maintaining the Green; ii. *tree donation-* **Don** obtained our first tree donation application under our newly adopted policy, the one presented to honor **Stuart & Betsy Klarman**. **Pat** moved for the application to be approved, **David Colley** seconded and after discussion it was unanimously approved. Implementation of the donation will be discussed next meeting, and **Dave** will contact the Klarman family to notify them of the approval.
- c. **Education-** **Dave** distributed a number of informative articles, with emphasis on "The Connecticut Tree Warden Newsletter" and its emphasis on tree removal as opposed to tree maintenance.
- d. **Other-** discussion of having a representative of the CT Notable Trees Program re-evaluate the Green; sending a letter to the Branford 375th Celebration Committee with ideas on how to spruce up the Green; etc.
- e. **Adjourn-** **Bonnie** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Pat**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:34PM

The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Minciozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem