

BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
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PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Don Gentile, Cynthia Jasek

ABSENT: Pat Sanders, Laura Noe, Maryanne Hall, Bonnie McKirdy, Amy Graver

GUEST: Shirley McCarthy, Branford Community Forestry Commission

1. **Call to Order:** A quorum was not achieved, so an official meeting was not conducted. Instead, a discussion was had regarding the topic at hand.
2. **Tree near Town Hall steps:** discussion regarding choice of tree to be planted to the left of Town Hall steps in the same area as the Colorado Blue Spruce that was removed in March 2018. **Dave** reported that he consulted a number of sources and Town officials regarding appropriate candidates for a replacement tree. Many attendees of the meeting had performed their own research on said topic. **Shirley** distributed materials regarding same. After much discussion a poll was taken among present Committee members and all agreed on a "Black Hills" White Spruce *Picea glauca*. It is a non-native cultivar of the native white spruce, however, it is a denser, sturdier and slower growing (6"/year) specimen than the straight white spruce and will hold its "Christmas tree" shape nicely (source: **Kera Singer** of *Planters's Choice*, a town vendor consulted by **Diana Ross**).

The Committee would like to see a photograph of a specimen with someone standing next to it before it is ordered to gauge its size since, it being a slow grower, we want to get the largest specimen that is practicable. Also, concerns were voiced regarding after care which, as we know, is critical for a tree's first few years especially one of this high a profile.

Funding for same will be obtained from appropriate sources per Selectman Cosgrove

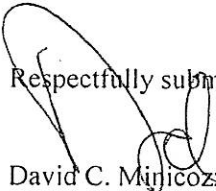
Per **Shirley**, the tree would be planted prior to Arbor Day (April 26th) and the ceremony for same would be held Saturday, April 27th. This will include members of the Green Committee, Community Forestry Commission, appropriate dignitaries and press. The Community Forestry Commission will arrange the ceremony, press etc. **Dave** will follow up with Town officials.

Dave will notify the rest of the Committee and will solicit their opinions which will hopefully be in accordance with the decisions made here tonight.

3. **Adjourn:** discussion ended at 5:35PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem