

RECEIVED

2019 MAY 13 A 9:35

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD APRIL 9, 2019**

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

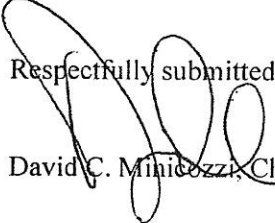
**GUEST:** Alex Palluzzi

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes- David Colley** moved for the minutes of the March regular 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 31<sup>st</sup> take steps to renew them.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** none.
  - b. **Status of the Green-** Trinity Church renovation was discussed, also other matters prn.
  - c. **Status of Town Hall/generator planting plan-** The Plan was referred to the Garden Club for review and comment at May'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-** discussed upcoming planting of the new trees.
  - e. **Special Project Status-** *i. Tree & Shrub Donation Policy:* discussion regarding how to recognize donors, especially in light of the new donation by the Klarman Family. Their donation will be the red maple to be planted at Montowese & Main, and they will reimburse the Town for cost of same. **Don** suggested we establish an account for such donations and reimbursements. Also, question as to whether a piece of the sugar maple (removed) was ever preserved for use as a memorial plaque; *ii. historic walking tours/post clock/tree-saving sidewalks-* tabled until future meetings; *iii. Green Tree Walks:* **Pat** indicated walks will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30AM; *iv. No Sign Policy:* **Dave** indicated he is drafting such a policy TBD.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **Green Use Applications-** presented for *Branford High School Graduation* ceremony June 12<sup>th</sup> and New Haven Ballet performance of excerpts from *Peter Rabbit* and *The Sleeping Beauty* June 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. **Reports-** tabled to next meeting.
  - c. **2019 Priorities:** tabled to next meeting.

- d. **Guest: Alex Palluzzi-** Alex discussed a number of items including: the Town's acquisition of new snow removal equipment; the possibility of installing new/better sidewalks on Town Hall Drive across from Trinity Church; the use of eco- and pet-friendly salt on roads and sidewalks; the Holiday Tree on the Green and efforts to preserve and beautify it; the Board of Finance's recent approval of \$20,000.00 for tree removal and replacement throughout town; water used for the in-ground soaker system and water fountain near the Circle and Flagpole Gardens costs c.\$1,000.00/year and is paid for by Park 'n' Rec budget; \$2,500.00 will be spent to aerate and re-seed the Green in the near future; Park 'n' Rec will endeavor to water and care for the False Cypress Garden; \$4,500.00 will be allocated to Nardella's for care of the Green; the use of tree-saving sidewalks was discussed in the event sidewalks are ever installed further along South Main Street
- e. **Other-** discussion on replacement of the bituminous sidewalk adjacent to the Academy. **Cynde** volunteered to transplant the daffodil bulbs adjacent to the Congregational Church playground to the False Cypress Garden after they die back.
- f. **Adjourn-** Pat made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Cynde**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:08PM

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem