

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, MaryAnn Hall, Don Gentile,
Pat Sanders, Amy Graver

ABSENT: Jane Bouley, Bonnie McKirdy

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:41 PM.

2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**

a. **Approval of Minutes-** Pat moved to accept the meeting minutes for March 2018, Don seconded and they were unanimously approved as a group.

b. **Dave** introduced **Amy Graver**, the new representative for the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

3. **Updates & Old Business:**

a. **Projects on the Green-** *i. New Trees-* discussion regarding the anticipated placement of the four trees in back of the Baptist Church, one in front of Trinity Church, and the cherry across from Pasta Cosi;

ii. Christmas Tree- discussion on how best to preserve the current tree from perceived threat to same, and to obtain another "starter tree" at some point TBD;

iii. false cypress garden- **Diana Ross** had suggested she may have a landscape architect or similar person who may be willing to install a garden/shrubs etc. this year, follow up TBD.

b. **Reports on Public Works and Park'n'Rec-** **Bonnie** produced a Park'n'Rec report at the last meeting and **Dave** reviewed it with the present members.

c. **Green Use Applications-** a comprehensive list of scheduled events were distributed and discussed.

4. **New Business:**

a. **Meeting of April 6th with First Selectman Cosgrove-** **Dave** reported on his meeting with the First Selectman, which was informative, productive and educational for both of them. A number of ideas and suggestions were reviewed and discussed at length among the Committee members.

b. **Reports: Updates, Garden Club etc.-** Pat had nothing to report, it being early in the season. No other reports were discussed.

c. **Letters to events chairpersons/members of the public-** **Dave** distributed draft letters he sends to event leaders and members of the public asking people not to park on the Green and to otherwise care for and respect the Green as if it were their own yard. Comments and suggestions to improve these letters were offered and discussed.

d. **Parking Policy/Guidelines for Use of the Green-** a draft “*no parking*” policy was distributed for discussion and met with general approval. The policy is based on a report from arborist “Care of Trees” and other sources indicating motor vehicles should never be allowed on the Green. A draft of an updated *Green Use Application & Guidelines* was also distributed, discussed and met with general approval. This new draft includes the admonition against the parking of motor vehicles on the Green. A vote on these documents was postponed until May’s meeting to allow for attendance of all Committee members on such an important matter.

5. **Other-**

Topic discussed quickly included possible plans to install a portable restroom on a “per event” basis rather than have them on the Green all season long; updating the “tree inventory” map in the Town Hall; getting articles about the Green etc. in local publications and on-line media; re-doing the Tree Donations policy and others.

Dave asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by **Don**, seconded by **David Colley** and unanimously approved. The meeting then adjourned at 5:50 PM.

The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8th at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem