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**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD APRIL 11, 2017**

**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*) Maryanne Hall, Jim MacBride, Donald Gentile, Tammy Becker  
David Colley, Bonnie McKirdy, Jane Bouley

**ABSENT:** Patricia Sanders

**GUEST:** Michalah Bracken, Branford Garden Club

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Approval of Minutes:** **Dave** moved to accept the March 14, 2017 meeting minutes and **Bonnie** seconded. **Jim** requested the minutes be amended to reflect the fact that **Alex Palluzzi** appeared as a guest. After due discussion the motion, with **Jim's** amendment, was unanimously approved.
  - b. **Patricia Sanders-** her application to become the new Garden Club representative was approved at the April 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting. **Pat** was unable to attend this meeting but plans to attend in May. We welcome **Pat** and wish her well on her new journey with the Committee.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence:** **Winnifred Judge** sent a letter of thanks for the bouquet of flowers presented to her by the Committee. Her letter read, in part, that "Our Green is unusual and beautiful *and will always need a watchful eye.*" (emphasis added).
  - b. **2017 Green Use Applications-** **Dave** presented a number of applications for use of the Green which were provided to him by **Trista Milici**, Assistant to the First Selectman. **Dave** explained the process of applying for and obtaining permission for the use of the Green.
  - c. **Irrigation-** **Bonnie** will continue to pursue various town officials to discuss solutions to irrigate the Green. **Dave** read a portion of **Dr. Silbert's** town-sanctioned report, "Nontoxic Care of the Branford Green" which recommends "... that some form of irrigation be developed for the Green." (page 7). **Dave** suggested that report be used as the basis of our continued pursuit of an irrigation system.
  - d. **"Clean the Green Day"**- the Reverend **Sharon Gracen** decided to cancel the event because the Parks & Recreation Department did such a fabulous job of cleaning the Green a few weeks ago.
  - e. **Public Restrooms-** **Don** reported that the green-colored units are cost-prohibitive and suggested we go with the previously suggested configuration (3 units surrounded by 6 eight-foot sections of white fencing similar to that which surrounds the Christmas tree). **Don** made a motion that we accept this plan; **Tammy** seconded; after due discussion the plan was unanimously accepted. **Don** will arrange a photo opportunity for the Committee once the units are in place.

#### 4. New Business:

- a. **Garden Club Report-** in **Pat Sanders'** place **Michalah Bracken** of the Garden Club presented a plan to plant a witch hazel tree adjacent to the MADD memorial plaque. The plaque lies between the Academy and Montowese Street. The tree would be a replacement for the two dogwoods previously at the site. The Garden Club will purchase the tree and it will be planted by Public Works. A small temporary protective fence may surround the tree. The First Selectman's input will be sought by the Garden Club. **Bonnie** made a motion to approve the plan; **Dave** seconded it; after due discussion the motion was unanimously approved.
- b. **Meeting with First Selectman (2/23/17)-** **Dave** made report on the meeting. Highlights included the decoration of the back of the stage used for the Jazz Festival; the Revitalization Commission's role regarding the Green; a grant made to the Town to study a new streetscape and tree plantings along Main Street; whimsical trash receptacles; issues regarding vendors and food trucks at events; the lighting of the Academy; possible grant for installation of curbing in front of the new restrooms; etc. **Dave** sought ideas and issues for the next meeting c. May 2017.
- c. **Long Range Plans-** **Dave** distributed a list of "Branford Green Priorities 2017" and asked the Committee to contemplate them so they could provide feedback at the May meeting.

#### 5. Other-

- a. **Tree Mapping-** **Jane** reported that mapping continues to be updated with assistance from **Jamie Frederick**, Assistant to Tree Warden **Diana Ross**.
- b. **Information Kiosk-** **Maryanne** suggested an information kiosk/bulletin board be placed on/about the Green

**Dave** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was made by **Maryanne**, seconded by **Don** and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.*

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi

Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem