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**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MAY 9, 2017**

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

**ABSENT:** David Colley

**GUEST:** First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Approval of Minutes:** **Jane** moved to accept the April 11, 2017 meeting minutes and **Maryanne** seconded. **Jane** requested the minutes be amended to correct the spelling of Diana Ross' assistant to "**Jaymie**" **Fredericks**. After due discussion the motion, with **Jane's** amendment, was unanimously approved.
  - b. **Membership:**
    - i. **Renewals:** **Dave** indicated his, **Don Gentile's** and **Tammy Becker's** terms on the Committee officially end on May 31, 2017. He suggested all three contact **Lisa Arpin**, Town Clerk and **Trista Milici**, Assistant to the First Selectman as soon as possible to take whatever steps are necessary to renew their terms, assuming they are still willing to serve.
    - ii. **Roster:** **Dave** will update and circulate the Committee's membership roster.
  - c. **Patricia Sanders-** We welcomed **Pat** to her first Committee meeting as representative to the Branford Garden Club and wished her well on her new journey with the Committee.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence:** None.
  - b. **2017 Green Use Applications-** **Dave** reviewed the current applications and indicated he has not received any new ones since our last meeting.
  - c. **Irrigation-** **Dave** suggested that **Bonnie** make contact with **Gary Zielinski** of the Department of Public Works to see if a relationship can be established while the Town continues its search for a new Public Works Director. **Dave** will also reach out to **Gary**.
  - d. **Public Restrooms-** **Don** reported that the wrong fence was installed in spite of his best and very public efforts to the contrary. It was decided to wait until the arrival of First Selectman **Cosgrove** to discuss the matter further (see below).
  - e. **Garden Club Report-** **Pat Sanders** reported on the plan to plant a witch hazel tree adjacent to the MADD memorial plaque. A ceremony will be held in connection with the tree planting on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM.

A discussion ensued regarding the upkeep of the **Mae McCabe** Lilly Garden. It was suggested that the lower limbs of the adjacent copper beech tree be raised/removed to open the garden to more sunlight.

**Pat** will contact *Nardella Landscape Services* to coordinate an informal tour of the Green so she (and any interested Committee members) can become more acquainted with the Green and its features. This tour *will not* supplant the Annual Green Walk to take place this autumn. **Pat** will coordinate with *Nardella* and advise **Dave** accordingly.

#### 4. New Business:

- a. **Meeting with First Selectman- Jamie Cosgrove** appeared before the Committee to discuss various topics.

*First* was new curbing to be installed along that portion of Taintor Drive between South Main Street and the rear entrance to the Congregational Church. The purposes of the curbing are to provide a finished look; diminish runoff and erosion; discourage parking on the Green; and to comply with existing zoning and traffic regulations. **Jane** had recently inspected this area with Selectman Cosgrove and made her report accordingly. Selectman **Cosgrove** presented an aerial diagram of the plans which **Dave** will subsequently distribute to the Committee.

*Second* was the public restroom issue. The Committee discussed its process and priorities in determining the preferred layout of and design for the new restrooms. **Mr. Cosgrove** expressed concern regarding current events and said he would endeavor to cooperate with the Committee to make whatever adjustments were necessary to effect the preferred layout and design. He agreed to meet with **Don** and **Alex Palluzzi** to facilitate the process.

*Third*, multiple issues were rapidly discussed such as an update on the Main Street Roundabout; Master Plan for tree replacement along Main Street; the Transit Oriented District (“TOD”) and how it will impact downtown; and other items of interest and concern

#### 5. Other-

- a. **Tree Mapping- Jane** reported that mapping has been completed with assistance from **Jaymie Frederick**, Assistant to **Diana Ross**. Copies of the completed map will be presented to **Trista Milici** and *Care of Trees*. **Dave** asked if **Jane** could please provide Committee members with copies. **Tammy** volunteered to coordinate the map with the Committee’s Facebook page to educate the public regarding same. **Maryanne** suggested the map be used as a tool to create a photo-book of the Green to be sold and/or distributed to the public.
- b. **False Cypress-** The section adjacent to the newly reconfigured church playground was discussed. **Dave** felt the area looked unfinished and thought more work needed to be done to complete the area and appropriately highlight the False Cypress tree. He solicited opinions from the Committee and looks forward to receiving same.

**Dave** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion was made by **Bonnie**, seconded by **Maryanne** and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 201 at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.***

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem