

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD MAY 14, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Bonnie McKirdy, Laura Noe, Cynde Jasek

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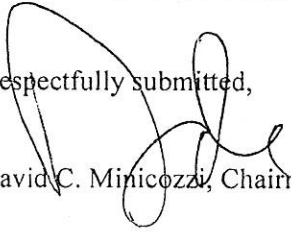
1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes-** **Laura** moved for the minutes of the April regular meeting be approved, said motion being seconded by **David**, and after discussion were unanimously approved.
  - b. **Terms of office-** **Dave** suggested those whose terms of office expire May 31<sup>st</sup> take steps to renew them. *He reminded them their terms are not officially renewed until confirmation is received from Town Hall.*
  - c. **Time of meetings-** **Dave** made a motion that meeting times for June and July be moved to 5:30, and will be revisited before the summer recess; **Bonnie** seconded the motion and after discussion it was unanimously approved.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** a letter to Alex Palluzzi and Jamie Cosgrove regarding the Branford 375<sup>th</sup> Celebration was discussed (suggested improvements to the Green). A letter from Wayne N. Cook was read aloud and Mr. Cook was allowed to add follow up commentary to same.
  - b. **Status of the Green-** various aspects of the Green were discussed e.g. how it looks great now because of all the rain etc.
  - c. **Status of Town Hall/generator planting plan-** The Plan was referred to the Garden Club for review and comment at June'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-** the new trees were planted (London plane, beech and red maple in back of the Congregational Church; red maple at the corner of Montowese & Main). Discussion of after care and maintenance. The "Arbor Day" Norway spruce will be removed and replaced by the "Black Hills" white spruce when it arrives. An article in *The Sound* regarding same was distributed and discussed.
  - e. **Memorial Tree donation-** further discussion as to how to recognize the red maple donated by the Klarman Family. **Laura** made a suggestion based on an example she saw at a facility and will provide a sample of same.
  - f. **Special Project Status-** *i. historic walking tours/post clock/tree-saving sidewalks-* tabled until future meetings. However, an article in the *East Haven Courier* regarding East Haven's new post clock was discussed and the question was "how did they get a clock and what can we learn from them?"; *ii. Green Tree Walks:* walks will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30AM; *iii. No Sign Policy:* **Dave** indicated he is drafting such a policy TBD.

**4. New Business:**

- a. **Green Use Applications-** presented for Legacy Theater's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* June 30-July 2; the United Methodist Church's *Abundant Health Initiative* July 14<sup>th</sup>; Friends of Blackstone Library/Branford Community Gardens/Branford Garden Club/Branford Compassion Club/Branford Land Trust *tag sale, plant sale and mini-book sale* May 18<sup>th</sup>; and Smile Anyway's 2<sup>nd</sup> *Love Louder* music festival August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- b. **Reports-** tabled to next meeting.
- c. **2019 Priorities:** tabled to next meeting.
- d. **Endangered Species Day-** new Assistant Inland Wetlands Director **David McCarthy** requested permission to plant a *Gordonia Camellia* a/k/a Franklin Tree *Franklinia alatamaha* near the bench between Town Hall and the Congregational Church. It is native to the area but is so rare they are only grown in private gardens. **Dave** made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by **Laura** and after discussion was unanimously approved. The planting ceremony will be Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.
- e. **Other-** In addition, it was opined that anyone requesting a special event/project (i.e., something not amenable to a Green Use Application) on the Green needs to provide us *timely notice* to allow appropriate consideration of the request. Late requests cause disruption of the Committee and impedes our ability to conduct our business.
- f. **Adjourn-** **Dave** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Cynde**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:45PM

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th at 5:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem