

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JUNE 11, 2019**

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**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*), Bonnie McKirdy, Don Gentile, Amy Graver, Cyndee Jasek

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes-** **Dave** moved for the minutes of the May regular meeting be approved with an addendum recognizing the contributions of Park 'n' Rec, specifically, *that the aeration and seeding twice a year and application of organic fertilizer is a big piece of the Green's resurgence, and that substantial sums of money go in to keeping the Green beautiful*, said motion being seconded by **Don**, and after discussion were unanimously approved.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** none
  - b. **Status of the Green-** one of the new dogwood trees in back of the Baptist Church died, and it was suggested it be replaced with another dogwood; the False Cypress Garden is in bloom and requires periodic weeding (**Dave** asked Committee members to pitch in when possible) and maintenance and we will ask Park 'n' Rec and Public Works to lend a hand; a Bradford pear near the bus stop was removed and the remaining tree may also need to be removed, some discussion as to what if anything should replace it/them; the protective fencing for the Branford Festival looks sharp and is truly appreciated.
  - c. **Status of Town Hall/generator planting plan-** the Garden Club was positively impressed with the plan. Their only caveat was that priority be given to native plants. The Green Committee agreed this plan should be integrated/coordinated with the adjacent Trinity Church rehab/planting project, it was suggested the Church's landscape designer should reach out to the First Selectman and/or Nardella's to coordinate the projects so they synch with one another. Projected date of plantings to be this autumn at the earliest.
  - d. **Green planting plans-** Discussion of after care and maintenance plan for the newly planted trees as none currently exists. Discussion of the "Endangered Species Day" planting and the article in *The Sound* regarding same.
  - e. **Memorial Tree donation-** **Dave** has been facilitating payment for the tree, which will be made to the Town and deposited in the appropriate account (which we expect to be the Memorial Tree Fund). Suggestion that we have a photo op at the new red maple tree with the Klarman Family later this summer. **Laura's** example of a memorial recognition model in a local facility was presented and she will be approached to see if she can work with BACA et al. to create a similar model for Branford.
  - f. **Special Project Status-** *i. historic walking tours/post clock/tree-saving sidewalks-* tabled until future meetings; *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.

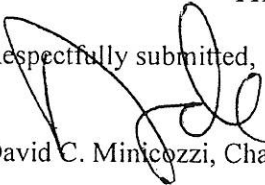
4. **New Business:**

- a. **Green Use Applications-** none received from the Town. A printout from the *Branford 375 Celebration* website was distributed which lists some of the activities on the Green this year. Agreement that we continue to look forward to receiving Green Use Applications.
- b. **Reports-** none.
- c. **Branford Festival-** suggestion that additional fencing/"No Parking" signs be added on Blackstone as cars can and do continue to park on the Green in that area; question as to why the Antique Car Show is on the Green and suggestion it be held in the Assagio lot or other suitable location; wayfinding for parking needs to be improved, and a map of available/forbidden parking should be added to the Festival supplement in *The Sound*.
- d. **2019 Priorities/Annual Report for 2018-2019-** tabled to next meeting.
- e. **Other-** i. discussion of location of *wedge of wood* we wanted made in to a memorial plaque; ii. **Amy** suggested that a Committee member attend the *Town Center Merchant meetings* held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30AM as many of their topics impact the Green, location TBD; iii. *BACA Art Application-* much discussion in anticipation of receipt of the application, such as to whether art should even be on the Green. In an effort to be proactive **Cynde** made a motion that BACA and others be encouraged to place art installations and/or sculpture gardens on Tyler's Green as a more appropriate location. **Amy** seconded the motion and after discussion it was unanimously approved and will be conveyed to the First Selectman; iv. discussion as to whether Green Committee should engage in *stewardship of Tyler's Green* or at least investigate the history and legal status of same, with a view toward styling Tyler's Green as a more appropriate incubation setting for experiments and new ideas.
- f. **Adjourn-** **Dave** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Cynde**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.*

**THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,

  
David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem