

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
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PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), Don Gentile, Jim MacBride, Tammy Becker, David Colley

ABSENT: Maryanne Hall, Bonnie McKirdy, Jane Bouley, Pat Saunders

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:** David Colley moved to accept the September 12, 2017 meeting minutes, Tammy seconded and they were unanimously approved.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence:** none.
 - b. **Nardella's Turf Care-** discussion continued regarding the role Nardella's plays in the care and upkeep of various sections of the Green. Question of whether a written contract exists between Nardella's and the Town, Alex Palluzzi will be approached for same.
 - c. **Annual Green Walk Part 1-** took place on Friday September 29th. Attendance was good and included 7 members of the Committee, First Selectman Cosgrove, Diana Ross, Gary Zielinski and Cameron from "Care of Trees." The walk took almost 2 hours and covered all 4 sections of the Green. Cameron provided us an invoice for recommended work to be done.
 - d. **PR/Social Media-** Discussion of having periodic articles placed in the local paper, keeping an active Facebook page, and other methods of raising public awareness.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use Applications:** Dave presented applications received by Trista since the last batch she received.
 - b. **Annual Green Walk Part 2-** An up-to-date tree location map (provided by Diana Ross at the Green walk) was presented to the Committee for review. Diana informed Dave funds are available to purchase and plant trees on the Green as recommended by Cameron at the Walk. Dave asked for volunteers to establish a Tree Location Sub-Committee tasked with following up on this offer and to make recommendations of trees to be planted and locations thereof.
 - c. **Meeting with First Selectman:** Dave will check with Trisa to see if the periodic stakeholder's meeting can be held at some point before year's end.
 - d. **Garden Club Report:** None

- e. **Connecticut Notable Tree Program**- the program's purpose and mission was discussed. Dave will invite program member Jeff Suraci to attend one of our meetings to further explain the program and how it can assist the Green Committee.

5. **Other-**

- a. The Committee rapidly discussed a number of issues including the possibility of having a garden installed adjacent to the False Cypress Tree; replacement of the bituminous walkway in back of the Academy running from Montowese to South Main; and a number of other items some of which will be followed up on at the next meeting.

Dave asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by **Don**, seconded by **Tammy** and unanimously approved. The meeting then adjourned at 5:35PM.

The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th 2017 at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem