

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD DECEMBER 11, 2018**

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**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*), Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Laura Noe

**ABSENT:** David Colley, Maryanne Hall, Bonnie McKirdy, Amy Graver, Cynthia Jasek

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes-** *a quorum was not achieved*, therefore the November minutes could not be acted upon.
  - b. **Meeting Dates for 2019-** distributed
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** None.
  - b. **Status of the Green-** general discussion regarding topical issues including the Congregational Church's request for input regarding repairs to curbing and the driveway in front of the church and the removal of a dead cherry tree adjacent to the church; **Cameron's** suggested replacement of the blue spruce at B51; the email exchange with **Jamie Cosgrove** regarding various items; the email to **Diana Ross** requesting an update on the spring planting plan; the possibility of placing bike racks on the Green to obviate the need for motor vehicle parking; the possibility of painting the green electrical boxes with fanciful artwork; obtaining the planting plan for the side of the Town Hall facing Trinity Church.
  - c. **Special Project Status-** *i. Tower Clock:* we need to present **Jamie Cosgrove** three (3) models to choose from, along with costs for same, and suggest it be installed as part of the Branford 375<sup>th</sup> celebration; *ii. Tree & Shrub Donation Policy:* discussion centered on how to recognize donations; *iii. tree-saving sidewalks-* TBD; *iv. Historic walking tours-* TBD.
  - d. **Annual Green Walk-** a list of items and ideas that were discussed at the walk was presented.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **Green Use Applications-** None. However, it was remarked that *i.* applications are routinely given to us without approval/signature (are they approved without signature or are they sent to us for our opinion?); *ii.* applications are not fully completed; and *iii.* query as to why the new/suggested applications are not being used.
  - b. **Branford 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-** discussion of what if any role the Committee will have in next year's celebration; anticipation of an up-tick in the number of events to be held on the Green and the need to monitor and manage same.
  - c. **Art application-** **Dave** informed the Committee we can expect to receive an application from Branford Arts & Cultural Alliance ("BACA") for an art installation. BACA will be asked to

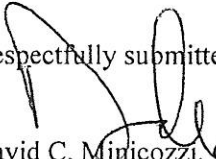
provide the Committee the application for our January meeting, and a BACA representative will be invited to discuss the application at our February meeting.

- d. **Policies-** the Committee will endeavor to draft a policy which addresses the issue of signs, placards, plaques, monuments and other writings and structures which may be placed on the Green.
  - e. **Reports:** None.
  - f. **2018 Plan of Conservation and Development (“POCD”)** - Section 9 of the POCD draft entitled “Enhance Branford Center” was discussed. Specific discussion regarding the meaning of Section 9.4.2., “*Seek to consolidate responsibility for use and maintenance of the Town Green.*” The Committee will continue its inquiry in to what exactly the drafters of same have in mind.
5. **Ideas/Other-** the Committee will invite **Selectman Cosgrove** to an upcoming meeting to discuss matters going forward; we will endeavor to provide him questions in advance.

There being no quorum a motion to adjourn could not be entertained and the meeting simply ended at 5:50.

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem