

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 19, 2017**

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PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), Jim MacBride, Jane Bouley, Pat Sanders

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ABSENT: Tammy Becker, Don Gentile, David Colley, Bonnie McKirdy, Maryanne Hall

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GUEST: Diana Ross

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:** there being no quorum to conduct official business a discussion of the following topics ensued:
3. **Tree Location Sub-Committee Report- Diana Ross** provided guidance as to choice of trees and locations thereof. She presented a full-color aerial view GIS map of South Main Street at its intersection with Blackstone Avenue and Church Street. It was decided that the *cherry tree* will be planted as discussed at our last meeting; an *American Beech* will be planted as a replacement for the sugar maple; a *white oak* will be planted on Blackstone Avenue between the corner of South Main Street and the next existing tree up from that corner; and a *hornbeam* will be planted along South Main Street with a *Pagoda Dogwood* on either side. **Diana** will put the purchase orders out to bid as soon as is feasible; cost of purchase and planting (to be done by Public Works) will be borne by the Town Green Fund; planting to be done in the spring, hopefully prior to "Clean the Green Day," weather and conditions permitting. Final placement of the South Main/Blackstone trees will depend on proximity to power lines, the State's easement, and other technical factors.
4. **Plan of Conservation and Development ("POCD")-** The POCD Steering Committee will hold a meeting January 10, 2018 to discuss "conservation-related" strategies for the 2018 POCD update. **Dave** will draft a 1-2 page summary to be submitted in preparation for the meeting. The draft will be circulated among the Committee members for their input.
5. **Garden Club Report: Pat** reported on 3 items: **1.** She received the contract regarding Nardella Turf Care's work on the Green (\$4,200.00/season) and will provide it to **Dave** for circulation to the Committee; **2.** The circle garden at the corner of Main and Montowese was named the "Winnifred Judge Commemorative Garden." Discussion was had regarding a fitting recognition of this achievement. A possibility is to update the "Tree Inventory" map across the hall from the Town Clerk's office and indicate this garden as a "featured item" on the map; **3.** First Selectman **Jamie Cosgrove** was named an "honorary member" of the Branford Garden Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th 2018 at 4:30PM at the
Branford Fire Department Headquarters.
This will be a "special meeting"*

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem