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BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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(Replacement for Regular Meeting of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024)  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*), Pat Sanders, Anne Freeman, Cindy Wright and Joe Cutrona

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31PM
2. **Parliamentary-**
  - a. **Minutes-** tabled as this was a "special meeting"
  - b. **Departing members-** it was announced that **Cynde Jasek** has resigned due to personal matters. **Dave** will reach out to the church for her replacement. **Cindy Wright** also announced this would be her last meeting as she is no longer on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** None.
  - b. **Status of the Green-** Part of the river birch by the Congregational Church has been removed and the rest will be removed at some point; the dogwood in back of the Baptist Church has been removed and we discussed the possibility/need for it to be replaced; the small cherry tree across from Ashley's is in terrible shape and needs to be replaced; there are tire tracks/ruts along the path adjacent to the Mae McCabe Garden; there is a large burn mark in the front portion of the Green caused by the First Night bonfire; certain other large trees have been removed per the Green Walk report; discussion of need for a small garbage pail near the Mae McCabe Garden.
  - c. **Special projects-** **Pat** and **Joe** gave a report regarding the Tree Tag Project.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **Green Use applications-** a number of applications were approved: MADD Mini-Golf and Youth Day 4/6/24; Living Wisely and Well on Planet Earth Earth Day event 4/27/24; Branford Counseling Center Prevention Council event 6/1/24; Branford Festival 6/14-16; Friends of the Blackstone Library Book Sale 9/19-22/24; Trinity Episcopal Church Annual Fair 9/20; Wreaths Across America Vendor Art & Craft Fair 9/28/24; MADD Walk Like MADD event 10/5/24; Feline Rescue & Adoption Center Animal Awareness Day 10/6/24;
  - b. **Meeting with Jamie Cosgrove 2/9/24-** in attendance were **Dave, Pat, Joe, Jamie Cosgrove** and **Gary Zielinski**. Discussed were the Main Street Improvement Project (bids are out and await state approval); native v. non-native trees; STEAP Grant for the Green improvements (out to bid, hopefully sidewalks, curbing and lighting installment will commence this spring); Main Street grading will be pushed out and coordinated with the grading of the front of the Green; discussion of lighting (bollard v. others) and photometrics; the Winifred Judge Garden is in need of TLC which will be coordinated with Nardella Landscaping.
  - c. **Tree planting plan, donations etc.-** discussion of replacement of the cherry tree across from Ashley's; also discussed was whether to replace the dogwood which was removed from the back of Baptist Church, and if so with what; **Dave** announced he and his wife **Joann** would like to donate a tree in memory of their niece.
  - d. **Arbor Day April 26<sup>th</sup>-** the ceremony will consist of dedicating some of the recently planted sycamore trees to the memory of **Dr. David Colley**. **Dave** will reach out to **Barbara Colley** to coordinate same.

5. Other- the Branford Historical Society received a grant to obtain and install a "witness stone," details TBD; the Historical Society will hold its Annual Dinner at Woodwinds, date TBD.
6. **Adjourn-** Dave moved for an adjournment, Joe seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM

*The next Green Committee regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30PM at the Community House, room TBA.*

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem