

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2020**

PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Bonnie McKirdy, Don Gentile,
Pat Sanders, Amy Graver, Cynde Jasek and Susan Rood

GUEST: Cameron Pierce, Davey Tree Services

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30

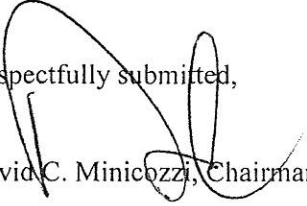
2. **Annual Tree Walk-** this being the Committee's *Annual Tree Walk* we assembled on the Town Hall steps and proceeded from there. All four sections of the Green were inspected with special attention being given to damage from *Hurricane Isaias* and the tornadic storm in August. Of particular interest were the various trees that need to be removed, pruned or that require special care. The newer trees all seem to be doing well. **Cameron** noted the severe drought conditions may have an effect on that may not be evident for some time. Suggestions were made and discussion had on where to plant new trees and when. It was noted that the Green hasn't looked this good in years, this being attributed in part to the lack of events due to Covid-19 restrictions. Discussion on having the new trees added/old trees removed from the GIS map, which needs updating in any event. The *Christmas tree* was judged to be in great shape. "*Christmas Tree Jr.*" was also judged to be in great shape, and we were told the fungal issue was not going to prevent it from being a normal healthy tree. The gardens all looked to be healthy. It was noted that **Pat** and others helped weed and re-condition the *False Cypress Garden* during a terrific heat wave. **Dave** mentioned we might want to think about formalizing/upgrading the extreme western end of the Green where the rotary was supposed to go, it being a natural gateway to *Scenic Route 146* and Downtown Branford. **Art Howe's** daughter showed up and was given permission to cut away the vine which was choking the dawn redwood adjacent to Trinity Church. **Cameron** said the planting of certain cultivars of elm would be safe. The Walk was informative and served as a much needed in-person gathering for the discussion of the Green and ideas and suggestions regarding same.

We look forward to receiving **Cameron's** *proposal* for the work suggested during the *Walk*.

3. **Adjourn-** upon motion by **Dave** and seconded by **David Colley**, after due discussion the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 5:30PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem