

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 13th, 2020**

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

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

2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**

a. **Minutes-** tabled.

3. **Updates & Old Business:**

a. **Correspondence-** **i.** letter and certificate to **Laura Noe** thanking her for her time on the Committee; **ii.** letters to individuals and organizations who had rogue signs on the Green, phone poles or bus kiosk asking them to cease and desist from such activity; **iii.** cover letter to **Jamie Cosgrove** along with the Committee's *Annual Report* for 2019-2020; **iv.** email from **Pat** to newly-appointed Director of Inland Wetlands and Natural Resources **JaymieAnne Frederick** requesting assistance in updating the GIS map of the Green.

b. **Status of the Green-** the general condition of the Green was discussed:
A new/replacement sidewalk was installed along Blackstone Avenue, grass was planted but immediately died due to drought and/or washed away due to torrential rain, plus the *adjoining walkway* to the Congregational Church needs to be completed; a *new handicap-ended sidewalk* was installed at the corner of Town Hall Drive and Montowese Streets; *new curbing* was installed across Town Hall Drive from Trinity Church.

We lost 6 trees so far this year: **i.** the *dogwood* in back of Baptist Church which was planted 3 years ago (poor drainage, now remedied by Public Works) and now replaced by the Eastern Redbud adopted by the Garden Club, **ii.** the *London plane/sycamore* we planted 1-2 years ago by the bus stop (cause unknown), **iii.** a *Bradford pear* adjacent to the Circle Garden (old and falling apart), **iv.** the *pretty flowering tree* adjacent to the Circle Garden (blown down by Hurricane Isaias), **v.** the *Franklin tree* planted to celebrate *Endangered Species Day* (could not withstand the climate) and **vi.** the *big tree to the left of Baptist Church* (torn asunder by aforementioned hurricane).

We discussed the *Annual Green Walk* held in September and the need to follow up on certain aspects such as to obtain the proposed work order from Davey Tree Services.

Public Works has been watering the new trees.

c. **Special Project Status-** further discussion warranted regarding status of the proposed Post Clock, legacies, and other special and significant projects.

d. **Planting Plan-** a general discussion of where and when to plant replacement trees, i.e. whether to be pre-emptive and proactive.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Reports- Pat** reported that the Garden Club will hold a pie sale on the Green on October 24th; the Garden Club also wants to restore symmetry to the *Winnifred Judge Circle Garden* due to the loss of trees over the years. A map showing proposed changes was presented and discussed.
- b. **Other-** Green use applications: none. Discussion regarding the commemoration of the white oak recently planted by the Academy; the need to produce/update an aerial map of the Green; how the Committee can participate in the annual tree lighting ceremony; the Committee was approached by the Branford Rotary Club regarding the installation of chess tables.
- c. **Adjourn-** upon motion by **Dave** and seconded by **Cynde**, after due discussion the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 5:30PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Miriccozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem