

**Branford Board of Recreation  
Joe Trapasso Community Center  
Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2025**

**Board Members:**

- √- Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
- √- Helen “Bimmie” Herget, Clerk
- √- Nancy Drevins
- √- Jeanne Crowley
- √- William O’Brien

**Staff:**

- √- Dale Izzo, Assistant Director

**Guest:** Nancy Cohen, Assistant Director Canoe Brook Senior Center, Laurie Rockwell, Chairperson for the Commission on Elderly Services

I. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo. A motion was made to approve the October meeting minutes from 12-11-2024.

1<sup>st</sup>: Jeanne Crowley      2<sup>nd</sup>: Bimmie Herget      Motion passed 5 -0

II. **Correspondences:** none

III. **Public Comments:**

IV. **Assistant Directors Report:**

**Community House:** all carpets were cleaned and the gym floors were redone ahead of schedule.

**Parks, Grounds and Facilities:**

**Veteran’s Park:** the gate at Vet’s Park has been replaced and is operating properly.

**Hammer Field Playground:** The playground is now complete. The Konesky Family was very happy. The dedication was very nice and received a lot of social media attention. We now have to submit cost to the State for reimbursement.

**The Bocce Courts:** The Bocce courts are moving along and almost completed. We will call Gary to find out the status.

**Damascus Cemetery:** Dale received a grant application from the Office of Policy & Management for Neglected Cemeteries and will be submitting a request.

### **Activities, Programs & Special Events:**

Our Winter Brochure was released with some exciting new programs. We Are currently working on our summer programming. Some of the grave stones at the Damascus Cemetery are in need of repair. We have talked to Shelley Brothers and are waiting for a quote from them.

**Pool:** The pool re-opened this past weekend. We have extended hours on Saturdays, adding in more lap swimming and some exercise. All swim lessons are full.

**Special Events:** The first big event of the year was First Night Branford on the Green Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> was very successful. It was a great turnout. We had a wood carver that was very popular and new this year.

### **VI. Old Business:**

#### **Facility Field Policy:**

There will be a meeting in January after the Board of Selectman meeting about everything being moved off of the Town Green. We will request a copy of the Green Regulations as a guide.

### **VII. New Business:**

**Commission on Elderly Services:** Nancy Cohen, Assistant Director Canoe Brook Senior Center and Laurie Rockwell, Chairperson for the Commission on Elderly Services addressed the board about having something named in honor of Dagmar Ridgway for her 47 years of Service to the Town of Branford. It was agreed upon to have a bench dedicated to her on the patio.

A motion was made to approve the dedication of a bench, on the patio, in honor of Dagmar Ridgway.

1<sup>st</sup>: Nancy Devins    2<sup>nd</sup>: Bimmie Herget                      Motion passed 5 - 0

The staff will look into trying to increase some programming when school is not in session.

A motion was made to cancel the scheduled meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

1<sup>st</sup>: Jeanne Crowley                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill O'Brien                      Motion passed 5 - 0

**Next Meeting:** March 12, 2025

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm was made.

1<sup>st</sup>: Nancy Drevins    2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeanne Crowley                      Motion passed 5 - 0

Submitted by: Kelly Gesuero