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BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD JUNE 13th, 2023

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PRESENT: David Minicozzi, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Ann Freeman, Sue McNamara,
Cynthia Wright and Susan Winkel

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM
2. **Parliamentary-**
 - a. **Minutes-** tabled.
 - b. **New Members-** Dave introduced **Cynthia Wright**, the new representative for the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, and **Susan Winkel**, the new representative for the Branford Historical Society. Certificates of thanks will be sent to outgoing members.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** none.
 - b. **Status of the Green-** various Committee members remarked on the condition of the Green. The pollinator garden has been planted and looks good. It was suggested that per the "*Red Plan*" we voted on (as opposed to the larger "*Blue Plan*") the garden should not be expanded until such time as this one has been established and further permission granted by the Committee. The issue of parking vehicles on the Green was also discussed, as this is a perennial issue during Branford Festival time.
 - c. **Special Projects-** the QR Code Project was discussed. The status of the STEAP Grant and Main Street Reconstruction Projects were discussed. The GIS map of the Green continues to be a work in progress.
 - d. **Route 146/DOT Program-** Don attended a recent DOT meeting to gather information for the Committee. The State DOT is creating a Corridor Management Plan ("CMP") for Route 146 in Branford and Guilford. The stated purpose of creating the Plan for Route 146 is "...to develop strategies on how to protect its many historical, cultural and environmental resources, balancing caring for these important resources with providing a safe roadway for all travelers and respecting the desires of the community, residents and local businesses." Dave pointed out that South Main Street, which runs along the back of the Green, is part of Route 146. Therefore, the Green Committee has an interest in the creation and implementation of the Plan. Don reported that the DOT will "pump the brakes" on the Plan to give more time for feedback from the various constituencies.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use applications-** none.
 - b. **Eagle Scout "Little Library" Project-** high school student and Eagle Scout **Dante Bunnell** had applied to the Committee for permission to install a "little library" adjacent to Trinity Church. The Church sent a letter dated June 2, 2023 giving the project its blessings. After taking this and other factors in to consideration **Dave** made a motion to approve the project, **Pat** seconded it, and after discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

c. **Reports-** tabled.

5. **Other-** Articles regarding the pollinator garden and the Henry Bromley memorial tree appeared in the local paper. It was suggested that we designate the newly planted sycamores as memorial trees in memory of the late **Dr. David Colley**.
6. **Adjourn-** **Cynde** moved for an adjournment, **Ann** seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34PM

The next Green Committee regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 8th 2023 at 5:30PM at the Community House, room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem