

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD AUGUST 8th, 2023**

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32PM
2. **Parliamentary-**
 - a. **Minutes-** tabled.
 - b. **New Members-** Dave introduced Joseph Cutrona, the new representative for the Congregational Church.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** none.
 - b. **Concert for Henry/Sound article-** we discussed the "Concert for Henry Bromley" that was held on the Green in memory of Henry. Recall that Love Tribe donated a white oak in Henry's memory, and **Sal Annunziato** of the Black Kites Rock & Roll Show/Love Tribe created and performed at the concert. The Sound article regarding the event was also discussed.
 - c. **Status of the Green-** various Committee members remarked on the condition of the Green, which looked spectacular.
 - d. **Special Projects/STEAP Grant-** The status of the STEAP Grant and Main Street Reconstruction Projects were discussed. We were informed those two projects will overlap with each other and be performed in tandem. There is no firm timeline for either project. The GIS map of the Green continues to be a work in progress.
 - e. **Route 146/DOT Program-** Pat attended a telephonic meeting of the DOT Program Committee and reported on same. The takeaway is the purpose of these meetings is to seek community/stakeholder input.
 - f. **Annual Green Walk-** Cynthia has worked with Davey Tree Company to schedule the walk for September 19th with a rain date of September 26th.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use applications-** Dan Cosgove Animal Shelter will hold their annual *Woofstock* event on July 12th; Branford Counseling Center will hold its annual *Pat Andriole Family Day* event September 24th; the Shoreline Community Church will hold a *Light the Night* event on October 31st.
 - b. **Orientation Walks and Notable Tree Walk-** Dave suggested an orientation walk with the newer Committee members to familiarize them with important and more obscure aspects of the Green. Joe and Dave had met on the Green with **Jeff Suraci** of the Connecticut Notable Tree Program. They walked the Green to inspect for Notable Trees and found some very

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interesting items. For example, **Jeff** said the largest tree on the Green, a red oak in back of Town Hall, is really a pin oak and is in the Top 10 Pin Oaks in the state.

- c. **Model of the Green-** a local resident wants to donate a model of the Green to us. His request and photographs of the model were distributed to Committee members and we will take it in to consideration.
 - d. **Reports- Pat** presented updates on the QR Tag Project. Per **Pat**, “The proposal is a project sponsored jointly by the town Green Committee and the Branford Garden Club to place arboretum tags on selected trees on the Green.” Further updates will be submitted as the project progresses.
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- Dave** moved for an adjournment, **Pat** seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47PM

The next Green Committee regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 10th 2023 at 5:30PM at the Community House, room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem