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BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 5th, 2023

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PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Cynthia Write and Joe Cutrona

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:33PM
2. **Items for Discussion**
 - a. **Tree Tag Project-** Pat and Joe have a meeting with a gentleman from the tree tag company to review the process etc. The initial plan is to tag c.75 trees, and to update the tree inventory map.
 - b. **STEAP Grant-** review of comments received from various stakeholders, particularly Trinity Church, Congregational Church and the Garden Club. We also discussed the October 24th STEAP Grant presentation by Town Engineer **John Heflin**. Two items suggested by **Dave**:
 - i. improvements to the corner of Main and Montowese Streets. That corner suffers from a bare/lightly mulched patch of earth with a yucca-like plant growing out of the middle. **Dave** suggested it be freshened up with some slow growing shrubs etc; and
 - ii. that there be a complete re-design of the triangular portion of the Green where it splits at Main and South Main Streets. He suggested Phelps Triangle in New Haven (on Whitney Avenue where it splits at its intersection with Trumbull Street) be used as an example.

Of particular note was what will not be covered by the grant, otherwise known as "ineligibles." These include drip lines for the Garden Club's plants on the phone poles along main street, the already-approved post clock etc. The plans included trees to be planted in Section A, and we made clear nothing is to be planted without our approval. **Mr. Heflin** encouraged the various stakeholders to submit comments and concerns as soon as possible so he can take them in to account.
 - c. **Green Use Application-** none.
3. **Adjourn-** **Dave** moved for an adjournment, **Don** seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49PM

The next Green Committee regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 5:30PM at the Community House, room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem