

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2024**

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PRESENT: David Minicozzi, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Ann Freeman, Sue Winkel, Joe Cutrona

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35PM
2. **Parliamentary-**
 - a. **Minutes-** Sue made a motion that the minutes from July 2024 be approved, Joe seconded, and after discussion the motion was approved unanimously.
 - b. **Members: new and renewals-** Dave asked all present to be sure their contact information was current, and to be sure they know when their terms of office expire
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** Dave said “thank you” letters and certificates were sent to past Committee members and others in appreciation of their service.
 - b. **Status of the Green-** the Green looks good overall. The maple in back of Trinity Church lost branches and they need to be removed. Members of the Branford Garden Club recently spent time beautifying the False Cypress Garden.
 - c. **Special Projects status, tree tags-** no word yet on a timeline for the STEAP grant project. Regarding the Main Street Reconstruction Project. Letters went out to the merchants requesting feedback, and the town awaits return of all those letters. The GIS map is a work in progress as is the tree tag project.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use applications-** The Committee was presented with and ok’ed a number of applications: The Branford High School Choir will hold a tag sale on 9/15/24; the Pat Andriole Family Day will be held 9/29/24; Scarecrows on the Green will begin 10/11/24 and will run through 11/5/24.
 - b. **Reports-** Pat reported the Garden Club will have a sale/fundraiser on 9/14/24 to run simultaneous with the BACA Art Festival. The Club is also engaging in a “refresh” of the Winnifred Judge Garden and the Mae McCabe Gardens. The Club continues to maintain and “fluff up” the hanging baskets. Trinity Church will have it’s annual Church fair on 9/21/24.
 - c. **Annual Green Walk-** The Walk will take place on Tuesday September 17th at 4:30 PM beginning with all of us meeting on Town Hall steps. The following Tuesday September 24th is the rain date.
 - d. **Tree Donation and Planting Plan-** Dave walked the Green with Jamie Cosgrove to determine the location for planting the Levesh Family Tree. Dave also announced he and his wife would like to donate a tree in memory of their niece, who passed away last year.
 - e. **Panorama of the Green-** tabled.

5. **Other- Don and Sue Winkel** formed a sub-committee to design and install a Green Committee-related scarecrow on the Green. All Committee members are welcome to join in the fun. It was pointed out that the **Butterfly Man** is capturing butterflies from the adjacent pollinator gardens for use in his tent. Some felt this was appalling and cruel and want this practice to end.
6. **Adjourn- Ann** moved for an adjournment, **Susan** seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

The next Green Committee regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 at 5:30PM at the Community House, room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem