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BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31PM
2. **Committee Contact Information:** the list was circulated so members could make appropriate changes to their contact information.
3. **“Thank You” Certificate:** Dave announced he would be sending the Garden Club a “Thank You” certificate for them taking the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the False Cypress Garden.
4. **Annual Green Walk Follow Up:** a general discussion of the Annual Walk. Of note: Dave did not recall receiving a quote for services from Cameron and will follow up on same; the river birch in the rear of the Congregational Church still has not been removed; three large old sugar maples will be removed and, hopefully, replaced with large street trees of some sort; a berm/curbing has been installed as part of a larger sidewalk renovation adjacent to the aforementioned river birch, the purpose of which is to divert rain water away from the large cherry tree to avoid runoff and the formation of erosion ruts and ditches; it was remarked that it was preferable to install brick sidewalks near the river birch and not asphalt; discussion of the Town Christmas Tree, and its current condition and, once again, whether it was necessary to replace the old tree.
5. **Condition of the Green:** in addition to discussion of the Annual Green Walk it was noted that the Committee was looking forward to the Holiday lighting of the Green as the Town always does such a great job making the Green look fantastic for the Holidays.
6. **Green Use Applications:** a number of applications were discussed: the *Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Parade* will take place on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>; Harbor Lights in conjunction with the Community Dining Room will have a *luminaria lighting* event on December 21<sup>st</sup>; the Branford Lions Club will install a *memorial flag tribute* on the Green from May 19-26<sup>th</sup> 2025; Army’s Legacy Animal Rescue will have a *Halloween Parade for Pups* October 27, 2025.
7. **Levesh Family Tree:** the tree has been planted, the donor is happy, and they await the invoice from the Town so it can be paid. The donor did have a question as to what happens if the tree “fails,” and if so whether a replacement tree would be warranted free of charge since the Town, and not the donor, is in charge of its care.
8. **Adjourn-** Dave moved for an adjournment, Ann seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

*The next Green Committee regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5:30PM at the Community House, room TBA.*

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem