

SOUTH WINDSOR AGRICULTURE, ARTS & NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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South Windsor Public Library – Board Room

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner
Joseph Kennedy, SWALPAC
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission
Mayor Andrew Paterna, Town Council
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust
Janice Snyder, Town Council
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

Members Absent: Pat Botteron, Open Space Task Force
John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department
Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission
Cesar Lopez, Town Council

3. Approval of Past/Meeting Minutes

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes. Mrs. Lipe seconded the motion, and they were approved unanimously.

4. Public Input

None

5. Discussion items

Donation of \$1,000 from the SW Lions Club – Trailhead Marker

The donation has been deposited into an account.

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5. Discussion items

Opening up the Farm Property

Brush and Tree Clearing

The Committee thanked the Park & Recreation Department for the clearing that has been completed. Mr. Favreau explained that the remaining trees there are mostly healthy, but debris will still need to be removed.

Removal of Small Barns/Sheds/Garage

Mrs. Lipe explained that ATC Atlas Company would be doing the asbestos abatement for the outbuildings. Mr. Favreau stated that a hazmat study is being conducted this week. After the study is complete, the Parks & Recreation staff will demo the outbuildings that can be done.

Committee members discussed having a tag sale for items left at the Burnham property. Mrs. Macro felt that there might be some historical items that the Town may want to keep. Mr. Favreau stated that he would look in the house and barn and take pictures to see what could be used for a tag sale. Other properties like the Clapp House and the property at 1355 Ellington Road should also be looked at to see if there are items on those properties for a tag sale.

Farm Restoration Grant – SWALPAC

Mr. Kennedy explained that the plan for the property is to fix the tile drains, fix the washed out areas, remove the weeds and invasives, and plant rye or hay to increase the farmland footprint.

Mr. Folger stated that working with the State grant, the Town could get \$20,000 per year for a 90/10 match. A budget could be developed after discussions with Finance, and then the project could be put into phases.

Mrs. Lipe made a motion to allow Jeff Folger to work with Barbara Kelly (SWALPAC) to submit an application to the State. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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6. New Business/Additional Discussion Items

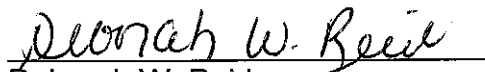
Committee members discussed signage that Vernon had put up at a new park. Mrs. Lipe and Mr. Favreau will do some research regarding the signage.

7. Next Meeting/Public Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the South Windsor Public Library, Board Room.

8. Adjournment

Mrs. Lipe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Council Clerk