

# **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 5:42 p.m.

#### **2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Pat Botteron, Open Space Task Force  
Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library  
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner  
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission  
Mayor Andrew Paterna, Town Council  
Councilor Janice Snyder, Town Council  
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

Members Absent: John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department  
Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission  
Sandy Jeski, SWALPAC  
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning  
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission  
Councilor Liz Pendleton, Town Council  
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust

#### **3. Approval of Past/Meeting Minutes (November 13, 2019)**

There was not a quorum, so there was no decision made on the minutes.

#### **4. Public Input**

None

#### **5. Discussion items**

##### *Tour of Dudley Farm*

Committee member's discussed touring the Dudley Farm in Guilford. It was decided that a tour should be scheduled in the spring.

Mr. Folger suggested that the Committee consider visiting the Holcomb Farm in Granby.

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#### ITEM:

##### 5. Discussion items *(Continued)*

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

Mayor Paterna explained that he had kept this item on the agenda just as a reminder that the Committee has a \$1,000 donation that can be used at some point. When the trails are developed, a trailhead marker will be established with the South Windsor Lions Club on it for this donation.

###### Is it Realistic to Move the Red Barn from Burnham Property to Priest Farm?

Mayor Paterna explained that he received a cost of \$70,000 to take the barn down and move it to a new location. This price does not include putting the barn back up. The Town has issued a letter to the Burnham's, and they will have to vacate the property in 90 days. After the referendum, the Committee will have a better idea of where the barn could be located.

Mr. Folger suggested moving the barn on the property and using it on the property instead of moving to the Priest Farm. Mayor Paterna stated that he has had some thoughts about using it for the Before and After School Care Program.

Answering questions from the Committee, Mr. Folger stated that he believes the barn is approximately 30' x 50'.

Mayor Paterna stated that he would explore the suggestion by Matt Galligan of putting the cost to move the barn into the school project that is going to referendum.

Mrs. Graham stated that she would research companies that move barns.

###### Farmers Market on the Priest Property

Committee members reviewed the layout for some of the proposals on the Priest Farm consisting of a trail system, parking, access road, and a picnic area.

Mayor Paterna said he would count the number of parking spaces that are currently used for the Farmers Market at the Community Center. Mr. Folger questioned if the Eversource easement would interfere with the proposed parking.

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### **ITEM:**

#### **6. New Business/Additional Discussion Items**

Mayor Paterna stated that he would contact the Rotary Club to see if there is any interest in one of the Rotary Club members becoming a member on this Committee.

#### **7. Next Meeting/Public Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.**

#### **8. Adjournment**

At 6:13 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah W. Reid  
Council Clerk