

# **SOUTH WINDSOR AGRICULTURE, ARTS & NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE**

## **TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

**Minutes**

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### **South Windsor Public Library – Board Room**

#### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

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

Members Present: Pat Botteron, Open Space Task Force  
Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission  
John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department

Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library  
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning  
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission  
John Mitchell, Rotary Club  
Andrew Paterna, South Windsor Food Alliance  
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust  
Councilor Jan Snyder, Town Council

Members Absent: Councilor M. Saud Anwar, Town Council  
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner  
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission  
Sandy Jeski, SWALPAC  
Councilor Liz Pendleton, Town Council  
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

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

None

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

##### Review of Resolution approved by the SW Town Council – December 19, 2016

Chairman Paterna explained to the Committee that the Town Council approved a resolution to support the continuation of this project. The resolution included putting the \$9,000 from the Eversource Easement towards the Priest property.

Mrs. Lipe informed the Committee that the Town has done most of the work necessary to secure the Priest property but is still waiting on quotes for the outside lighting. Committee members felt this should be done as soon as possible.

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#### **ITEM:**

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

##### **Plan Meeting for Neighborhood Discussions**

Mrs. Lipe explained that she has drafted an invitation and the mailing labels have been prepared.

Deputy Mayor Snyder suggested taking out the grant funding in the invitation. Mr. Favreau felt that the Town seal should be included on the invitation. It was also requested that the link for viewing the study be taken out as well as adding that refreshments will be served. Mrs. Lipe stated that the suggested changes will be implemented into the invitation and then the invitations will be sent out.

#### **3. Approval of Past/Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Lipe made a motion to approve the November 9, 2016 and December 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Snyder seconded the motion. Ms. Etter pointed out that in both sets of minutes under "Next Meeting Date", it should say Library-Board Room, not Library-Friends Room. Chairman Paterna called for a vote on the amended motion; and they were approved with Mr. Mitchell abstaining from the December 14, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

##### **Plan Meeting for Neighborhood Discussions**

Chairman Paterna announced that the informational meeting will be held on February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Shepard felt that the community barn should be relocated because it should not be in the middle of a tillable field. Committee members discussed the location of the community barn on the present plan. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that during the neighborhood meeting, the neighbors would be informed that the community barn would be relocated closer to the house.

Deputy Mayor Snyder made a motion to move the barn in the conceptual plan closer to the house near the other barns. Mrs. Etter seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Committee members discussed the different phases and the items that would stay on the property as planned.

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### ITEM:

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

##### Logo Contest

Chairman Paterna stated that he feels the logo contest is a good way to get community interest in the project.

##### Schedule Grant Funding Meeting in Planning for Phase I

The Grant Funding Sub-Committee members (A. Paterna, V. Macro, J. Snyder, M. Etter, S. Dexter and M. Lipe) should decide on a date next week to meet regarding grand funding.

Mr. Mitchell suggested that the presentation of this plan be given to the South Windsor Rotary Club. The Committee could ask for the Rotary's support with the project. Committee members agreed that this project should be shared with the South Windsor Rotary Club.

#### 7. Next Meeting Date/Public Meeting: **Wednesday, February 8, 2017/SW Library-Board Room and Council Chambers**

#### 8. Adjournment

At 6:28 p.m. Mr. Favreau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Botteron seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah W. Reid  
Council Clerk