

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

## **TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

**Minutes**

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**March 8, 2017**

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### **South Windsor Town Hall – Council Chambers**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

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

Members Present: Pat Botteron, Open Space Task Force  
Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission  
Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library  
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner

Michele Lipe, Director of Planning  
Andrew Paterna, South Windsor Food Alliance  
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust  
Councilor Jan Snyder, Town Council  
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

Members Absent: Councilor M. Saud Anwar, Town Council  
John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department  
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission  
Sandy Jeski, SWALPAC  
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission  
John Mitchell, Rotary Club  
Councilor Liz Pendleton, Town Council

Commission members discussed the presentation of the project that was given to the public. It was the general feeling of the Committee members that the presentation went well and was well received by the public.

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

Deputy Mayor Snyder made a motion to approve the February 8, 2017 meeting minutes. Mrs. Lipe seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

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

None

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#### ITEM:

##### 5. New Business/Discussion items

###### Report of Meeting with SW Rotary Club

Mrs. Lipe felt that the presentation was well received by the South Windsor Rotary Club. Some concerns expressed were traffic concerns and that the property is presently a blighted property.

Mrs. Lipe informed the Committee that she learned that the State is in the process of doing work on the traffic light at the intersection of Ellington Road and Sullivan Avenue. Deputy Mayor Snyder suggested that the Town contract the Engineer who is designing the project to have that person meet with the Committee to discuss the access to the Priest property by moving equipment for the light closer to the Priest house.

Committee members discussed firming up prices for different facets of Phase I and sending the detail to other groups that issue grants.

###### Brush Clearing around Farmhouse

Mr. Paterna explained that items have been tagged that need to be cleared from the front of the house. It will be discussed with John Caldwell to see when clearing can be started.

Mrs. Lipe suggested that the Committee have an artist paint on the plywood which covers the windows of the home. This was suggested by one of the neighbors at the presentation.

###### Next Steps in our Planning Process

Mr. Folger presented a trail system on the property as shown in attached **Exhibit A**.

Mr. Folger also suggested placing picnic tables where the grove previously was located.

The Committee discussed the creation of a parking area, fixing of the tiles, going to IWA/CC to get jurisdictional ruling, the creation of a site plan and flagging the wetlands.

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#### **ITEM:**

##### **5. New Business/Discussion items**

###### **Next Meeting for Grant-Funding Sub-Committee**

Mr. Favreau informed the Committee that he had just read an article in the Hartford Business Journal for public giving who has over \$900 million dollars. They usually donate around \$30 million dollars every year. Mrs. Etter called the Foundation Administrator for the donor advised funds and is waiting for a call back.

After a short discussion, it was decided that the Grant Funding Sub-Committee will meet on March 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the South Windsor Public Library in the Board Room.

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

Committee members discussed the Logo Contest. Deputy Mayor Snyder will be sending the flyer to the schools and suggested that the Committee consider changing the deadline date.

Mr. Folger made a motion to move the deadline date for the Logo Contest from May 1, 2017 to June 1, 2017. Mrs. Botteron seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

It was requested that the Clerk of the Council place the flyer on the Town's website.

Committee members discussed other organizations that the Committee could approach to request grant funding through.

Mr. Folger suggested that the Priest Farm be adopted as an official program of the Community Foundation. This would allow the Committee to be represented as a 501C3.

Deputy Mayor Snyder stated that the Community Foundation would be meeting on March 16, 2017 and she would do a fiduciary request to the Board and if they accept that a presentation of this project could be given at the following meeting.

##### **7. Next Meeting Date/Public Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2017/SW Library-Board Room**

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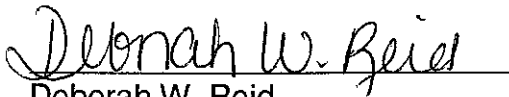
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**ITEM:**

**8. Adjournment**

At 6:18 p.m. Mr. Favreau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah W. Reid", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah W. Reid  
Council Clerk



1 inch = 333 feet

Proposed Priest Farm Trail System

MAPPING PROVIDED BY SBC UNDER CONTRACT.  
DATA MANAGED BY THE SOUTH WINDSOR  
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND IT TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT.