

SOUTH WINDSOR AGRICULTURE, ARTS & NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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April 12, 2017

South Windsor Town Hall – Council Chambers

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Pat Botteron, Open Space Task Force
John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department
Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission
John Mitchell, Rotary Club
Andrew Paterna, South Windsor Food Alliance
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust

Members Absent: Councilor M. Saud Anwar, Town Council
Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission
Sandy Jeski, SWALPAC
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning
Councilor Liz Pendleton, Town Council
Councilor Jan Snyder, Town Council
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

3. Approval of Past/Meeting Minutes

Minutes from March 8, 2017 could not be voted on because there was not a quorum.

4. Public Input

None

5. New Business/Discussion items

Brush Clearing Around Farmhouse

Mr. Caldwell reported that the front of the house has been cleared, the Beach Tree has been pruned, the invasive species have been cleared, and the bamboo has been cleared. The barns are now empty of bamboo and Mr. Caldwell stated that he left the Ginkgo tree. The owner of Battison's Clearners took some bamboo.

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5. New Business/Discussion items *(Continued)*

Brush Clearing Around Farmhouse *(Continued)*

Answering questions, Mr. Folger explained that the inspectors will determine when an electrical permit would be taken out and he believed the lights would be motion activated.

Grant-Funding Sub-Committee

Mr. Paterna stated that the Grant-Funding Sub-Committee will be getting together to talk about getting grant applications ready. Mr. Paterna explained that he went to a workshop that the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving offered on requirements for ADA compliance when restoring an older building. Erica Franks who works for the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving would like to visit the Priest Farm property.

Mr. Mitchell stated that he feels that the Committee should have someone with grant writing experience help with the grant applications because it is in the way it is written that can determine if a grant will be given. Mrs. Macro stated that she has done some grant writing in the past.

Mrs. Macro explained that she spoke to SHPO who had given the Town a grant for one of the studies and they have available \$50,000 which needs a match. They would count the money that the SWAAN Committee has already received in the amount of \$24,000. Mr. Paterna stated that Deputy Mayor Snyder has been encouraging the Committee to apply to the Community Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Plywood Window Art Project

Deputy Mayor Snyder will discuss this item at the next meeting.

Drainage Tiles/Field Evaluation/Set Date

Mr. Shepard stated that Mr. Galligan said he would help to get the drainage tiles done. Mr. Paterna stated that Jim Futtner has offered to help as well as the past president from CT-NOFA. Mr. Shepard felt that if the Committee received permission to start work, a date could be set and there are individuals who are willing to volunteer their time.

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6. New Business/Discussion Items

Committee members discussed the next step of this project and it was decided that a defined scope should be done.

7. Next Meeting Date/Public Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2017/SW Library-Board Room

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid
Council Clerk