

SOUTH WINDSOR AGRICULTURE, ARTS & NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

Minutes

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April 10, 2019

South Windsor Public Library – Board Room

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 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
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission
John Mitchell, Rotary Club
Mayor Andrew Paterna, Town Council
Councilor Jan Snyder, Town Council
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

Members Absent: John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation
Sandy Jeski, SWALPAC
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust
Councilor Liz Pendleton, Town Council

3. Approval of Past/Meeting Minutes (March 13, 2019)

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve the March 13, 2019 minutes. Mr. Folger seconded the motion; and they were approved, unanimously.

4. Public Input

None

5. Discussion items

Update/Discussion with State Historic Preservation Office (Michele Lipe, Virginia Macro, and Andrew Paterna)

The meeting was canceled so there is nothing to report.

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5. Discussion items (Continued)

Update/Discussion with State Historic Preservation Office (Michele Lipe, Virginia Macro, and Andrew Paterna)

The meeting was canceled so there is nothing to report.

Update: Cost Estimate to Protect the Farmhouse Now (Michele Lipe and Janice Snyder)

Mr. Folger reported that Mr. Goslin has said that the cost estimate was in the report. Mr. Folger stated he would have to contact Mr. Goslin to get an itemized report because he did not find it in the report.

Mayor Paterna explained that Councilor Snyder wanted to see what the cost would be to get the outside done.

Committee members discussed the different costs associated with the restoration of the farmhouse and the ability to get grants for different items. It was decided that a meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office should be held to discuss a variety of issues such as if grant funds are used, can replacement windows be used or does the original woodwork need to be used.

Update: Other Options for the Farmhouse Construction (Tim Shepard)

Mayor Paterna presented the cost estimate of approximately \$321,000 to have a modular home brought onto the Priest property, which would be a replica of the existing farmhouse. The present farmhouse would be demolished, and the price for that is not in the estimate.

Mr. Folger reported that the Town used about \$60,000 to demolish the house on Town property that was previously owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

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5. Discussion items (Continued)

Update: Other Options for the Farmhouse Construction (Tim Shepard) (Continued)

Committee members reviewed the estimate, and it was felt that estimates of refurbishing needed to be also be reviewed in order to compare what avenue the Committee feels this project should go. Mrs. Macro felt that the Committee should think about the characteristics that Committee members would like portrayed. Mr. Mitchell felt that Main Street is where South Windsor's history is and as you migrate down Sullivan Avenue, it is not as historical.

Mayor Paterna informed the Committee that the Town is in the process of buying some property on Pleasant Valley Road and there is a barn on that property. Mayor Paterna felt that the Committee should be lobbying to have that barn brought to the Priest property. Mr. Folger stated that there are barns on Buckland Road also. The Committee may want to consider taking the frames.

Mr. Folger reported that he spoke with Karl Reichle, who took a look at the potato columbine, which has trees growing through it. Mr. Reichle said he would move it as long as Mr. Caldwell could get some of the Public Works employees to cut it out.

Councilor Snyder stated that she feels the Committee should consider spending money on getting a barn on the property. Historical items can be put in the barn. Mr. Folger said the frame could be used and put a pavilion on the property where people could gather.

Mrs. Botteron questioned the condition of the silo? Mayor Paterna explained that Mr. Caldwell had inspected it and feels there is some work that needs to be done on it.

Mrs. Dexter asked if there are any funds in the budget. Mayor Paterna explained that Councilor Snyder had suggested that if the Committee receives a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office, the Committee could go to the Council and request funds from Contingency. Councilor Snyder added that there could also be some serious fund raisers held where all those funds would go towards restoration.

Councilor Snyder stated that at the last meeting, Councilor Riley was present and suggested that the Committee go to the Council and give an update on this project. Mayor Paterna felt that a budget needs to be determined. A presentation could be given to the Council in late May or early June.

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7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the South Windsor Public Library.

8. Adjournment

At 6:04 p.m., Mrs. Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Council Clerk