

# **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 5:35 p.m.

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

Members Present: Pat Botteron, Open Space Task Force  
John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department  
Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission  
Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library  
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner  
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission  
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission  
Mayor Andrew Paterna, Town Council  
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust  
Janice Snyder, Town Council

Members Absent: Joseph Kennedy, SWALPAC  
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning  
Cesar Lopez, Town Council  
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

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

Mrs. Etter made a motion to approve the February 19, 2020 minutes. Mr. Folger seconded the motion, and they were approved unanimously.

#### **4. Discussion items**

##### **Remediation Work at the Priest Property (report by John Caldwell)**

Mr. Caldwell stated that ESI was the lowest bidder to do remediation work on the Priest Property.

Mr. Folger explained that the SWAAN Account presently has \$5,312.87. The remediation work is going to cost \$6,185.00, so the SWAAN Account is \$872.13 short. It is felt that those funds can be allocated from another account.

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#### ITEM:

#### 4. Discussion items (Continued)

##### Remediation Work at the Priest Property (report by John Caldwell) (Continued)

Mr. Caldwell explained the work that is being proposed on the property consists of the removal of contaminations within the structures on the property, not including the house. The structures will be taken down by the Public Works Department.

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

Mr. Folger made a motion to allocate funds from the South Windsor Agriculture, Arts & Nature Center Sub-Committee Account to cover expenses of remediation work at the Priest Property. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion.

Answering questions from the Sub-Committee, Mr. Caldwell stated that he is hoping the remediation work can begin in early winter.

Mayor Paterna called for a vote on the motion; it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Favreau explained that he had investigated the condition of the house and barn on the Burnham property. All of the contents that were stored in the house and barn have been taken out. The Burnham's are allowing the Town to look at the contents to see if we would want to use any of the items for museum pieces or artifacts. The Burnham's still have the key and access to the barn and the house. Mr. Favreau suggested that the new school use the barn, so it could part of the school property. Funds could be used to refurbish the barn, and a museum could be created on the school site, as opposed to moving the barn to the Priest Property.

Mr. Folger added that in about a month, the Town will probably know the design, and if the property could be used as being proposed.

Answering questions from the Sub-Committee, Mr. Folger explained that the way the agreement was prepared is the Burnham's have access to the buildings and the property until demolition starts. The Town has to give them a 90-day notice.

Committee members discussed the insurance on the property and requested Mr. Folger to ask the Town Manager if CIRMA has insured the property and also if the Town could get keys for the property.

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### **ITEM:**

#### **6. Next Meeting**

Mayor Paterna informed the Sub-Committee that the Town Manager would be putting a schedule together, which will allow certain Boards/Commissions/Committees to meet every other month so this Sub-Committee will schedule a meeting after that schedule has been completed.

Mr. Caldwell stated that he would send out any progress that is made on the property and inform the Sub-Committee of the date that the barns will be taken down.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Councilor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Mrs. Botteron seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah W. Reid  
Council Clerk