

SOUTH WINDSOR AGRICULTURE, ARTS & NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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June 13, 2018

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
Stephanie Dexter, Planning & Zoning Commission
Mary Etter, Director of S. W. Public Library
Ray Favreau, Director of Parks & Recreation
Katie Graham, Park & Recreation Commission
Michele Lipe, Director of Planning
Deputy Mayor Andrew Paterna, Town Council
Councilor Jan Snyder, Town Council
Betty Warren, IWA/CC

Members Absent: John Caldwell, Park & Recreation Department
Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Planner
Sandy Jeski, SWALPAC
Virginia Macro, Historic District Commission
John Mitchell, Rotary Club
Tim Shepard, South Windsor Land Trust
Councilor Liz Pendleton, Town Council

Others Present: Skip Bourke, South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways
David Goselin, Crosskey Architects

4. Public Input

None

5. Discussion items

Update/Discussion with David Goselin, Crosskey Architects

Mr. Goselin came forward and reviewed the plans for the rehabilitation of the Priest house with the Committee.

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5. Discussion items

Update/Discussion with David Goselin, Crosskey Architects (Continued)

Mr. Goselin came forward and reviewed the plans for the rehabilitation of the Priest house with the Committee.

Answering questions from the Committee, Mr. Goselin explained that the greenhouse that is presently attached to the house will be eliminated. There will be all new windows put into the house. The attic stairs will be eliminated, and a pull-down ladder will be installed in order to get access into the attic. The basement is a crawl space, and there have been some thoughts about putting cement down. The foundation is a mixture of stone and brick. There are two fireplaces, but neither fireplace are connected to a chimney. One of the chimneys will probably be eliminated, and the roof will be replaced. Structural Engineers and Mechanical Engineers will be brought in for the next phase.

Committee members discussed the ability to use some of the living space for public use. Ms. Lipe explained that different building codes would have to be used if this project changes from residential. Committee members felt that in the future, the outbuildings on the property could be used for public use.

Mrs. Warren suggested that someone from the Committee question the Strong Family Farm about what structures they feel are most needed and useful.

The plans will be sent out to the entire Committee for input. Mrs. Lipe said that she would contact Mr. Goselin with any comments or concerns.

Design Professionals Work

Mrs. Lipe reported that there is a purchase order out for the wetlands flagging of the property, and for Design Professionals to do some site designing. This work will hopefully be done by the end of June. Environmental Services will be the next step after the site is designed and it is hopeful that work will be complete by the end of July.

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6. New Business/Additional Discussion items

Chairperson Paterna informed the Committee that the control box for the light on Ellington Road had been relocated across the street to the Mitchell property. Chairperson Paterna contacted DOT who will be sending the final report and will be asking Design Professionals to look at it to see if access could be relocated for this site.

Chairperson Paterna then explained that he went out to Auer Farm and they are doing all of the types of things our Committee has discussed. There are over 40 school districts in the State who come there for educational programs. The Executive Director of the Farm came out to visit the Priest Farm. She has offered to work in conjunction together.

3. Approval of Past/Meeting Minutes

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes with the correction of the attendance. Mrs. Lipe seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

6. New Business/Additional Discussion items (Continued)

Mrs. Warren stated that she felt the front door of the house should be more secure.

5. Discussion items (Continued)

Fencing at Property Line along Heritage Dr.

Mrs. Lipe stated that the property is going to be cleaned up before any decision is made about putting fencing at the property line along Heritage Drive. There may be vegetative plantings put up instead.

Window Designs/Plywood Distribution/Update

Mrs. Lipe suggested that the Committee reach out to art groups. Mr. Favreau offered to have the camp program do a few of the windows.

7. Next Meeting Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at the South Windsor Public Library at 5:30 p.m.

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8. Adjournment

Councilor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Mrs. Warren seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid
Council Clerk